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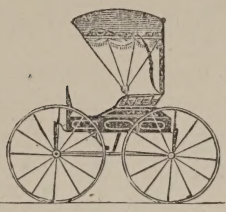
Buggies &  Carriages.

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FIRST DAY.

The Twelfth Annual Session of the South Kansas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, convened in the First M. E. Church, at Independence, Kansas, Thursday, March 12th, 1885, at 9 o'clock, A. M., Bishop W. X. Ninde, D. D., presiding.

Devotional Exercises.—The Bishop read the seventy-sixth Psalm, and also from the 1st to the 17th verse inclusive of the third chapter of Colossians. Hymn 577 was sung, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Presiding Elders and H. W. Reed, D. D., and J. B. Ford, Pastor of the Church, and closed with prayer by Dr. Reed.

The Bishop addressed the Conference briefly, stating the reasons why he was here instead of Bishop Andrews, and closed by earnestly invoking the blessing of God on the present session.

Roll Call.—The roll of the Conference was called by H. W. Chaffee, Secretary of the last session, and seventy-six members and eleven probationers answered to their names.

Transfers.—The Bishop announced the following as transferred to this Conference since the last session: W. C. Snodgrass and N. B. Johnson, from West Virginia Conference; S. S. Murphy, of Iowa; J. B. Ford, of Illinois; J. F. Rhoades, of North Indiana, and G. W. Stafford, of Indiana, and their names were added to the roll.

The calling of the roll of absentees was ordered for to-morrow morning, after which it should be called no farther.

Secretaries.—On motion of C. R. Rice, H. W. Chaffee was re-elected Secretary of the Conference by acclamation, and on his nomination J. M. Iliff was elected assistant Secretary, C. T. Durboraw Statistical Secretary, with H. V. Givler, H. J. Coker, J. H. Price and C. E. Creager assistants, and C. R. Rice Conference Reporter.

Introductions.—W. C. Snodgrass, N. B. Johnson, S. S. Murphy, J. B. Ford, G. W. Stafford, J. B. Gibson and W. E. Means, recent transfers, and M. E. Bramhall, of Wyoming; F. M. Sisson, of Illinois; J. B. Demotte, of N. W. Indiana; S. Price of S. W. Kansas; James Pine, of St. Louis; W. A. Spencer, of Rock River.

A. S. Freed was appointed Conference Postmaster.

D. T. Summerville was appointed to take charge of the New York Book accounts.

Standing Committees.—The Presiding Elders having been appointed a Special Committee by the last Conference to prepare and report a list of Standing Committees presented their report which, on motion, was adopted, and the following committees were appointed:

Auditing.—J. A. Hyden, W. H. Carwardine, G. B. Norton.

Bible Cause.—J. L. Longdon, J. M. Payne, J. Hunter, A. S. Freed.

Book Accounts.—S. S. Weatherby, S. Hedges, M. E. Goddard, S. Smith.

Church Extension.—D. T. Summerville, J. W. Stewart, W. Shambaugh, D. S. Baldwin.

Conference Stewards.—J. W. Walker, A. Maxey, J. McAnulty, E. A. Graham.

Conference Relations.—J. Murray, J. W. Walker, G. Hamilton, D. T. Summerville.

District Conference Journals.—I. R. Lovejoy, C. E. Creager.

Education.—C. W. Gullett, H. McBirney, J. A. Ferguson, W. C. Snodgrass.

Episcopal Fund.—H. W. Reed and W. H. McVey.

Freedmen's Aid.—H. V. Givler, J. F. Rhoades, M. V. Robbins, G. W. White.

Family and Home Religion.—J. M. Iliff, J. B. Gibson, J. F. Palmer.

Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union.—J. F. Palmer, S. P. Cullison.

Mormonism.—H. W. Reed, W. T. York, T. R. Kennedy, W. T. White.

Missions.—Presiding Elders.

Memoirs.—H. J. Coker, G. Hamilton.

Popular Amusements.—W. W. Curnutt, J. Murray, J. W. Stewart, J. W. D. Anderson.

Public Worship.—A. Cullison and J. B. Ford.

Periodical and Religious Literature.—C. R. Rice, H. A. Tucker, A. G. Robb, A. C. Bennett.

Post-Offices.—W. A. Howard, O. Bruner.

Publishing Minutes.—Secretaries.

Sabbath.—J. C. Hull, G. W. Pye, D. F. Holtz, J. S. Budd.

State of the Church.—J. A. Barker, R. M. Scott, T. Stephenson, T. Lidzy.

Sunday School Union and Tract Cause.—C. R. Pattee, S. S. Murphy, J. E. Whitehead, H. R. Vollmar.

Temperance.—W. B. Poinsett, A. Buckner, N. B. Johnson, P. H. Fisk.

The Bishop announced the amount of $126.00 dividend of the Book Concern and the amount of $30.00 from the Chartered Fund and drafts were ordered for the same.

Papers from the Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid Society, &c., were presented and referred to proper committees.

The Pastor of the church announced that a committee consisting of Rev. W. A. Bosworth, of Independence, Rev. J. Harper, of Wichita, and John Knaus, layman, from the Southern Association of Congregational ministers and Churches of Kansas, now in session in this city, was in waiting to extend fraternal greetings.

They were introduced by the Bishop and Revs. Harper and Bosworth addressed the Conference bearing the greetings. By request the Bishop responded, after which, on motion, J. B. Ford, H. W. Reed and C. R. Pattee were appointed to visit this Association with our greetings.

W. A. Spencer then addressed the Conference in the interest of the Board of Church Extension.

Time of Opening and Closing the Sessions.—On motion, of E. C. Boaz, the hour of 8:30 A. M. was fixed as the time of meeting, and 11:45 as the time for adjournment, the first half hour to be spent in prayer meeting.

Afternoon Session.—On motion of the Secretary, an afternoon session to meet at 2 o'clock was ordered for the purpose of collecting statistics and reports.

G. W. Pye was appointed by the Bishop to preside and J. A. Hyden to conduct prayer meeting to-morrow morning.

Papers Presented.—Circulars from the Book Agents in reference to the Episcopal Fund and from the Board of Education were read by the Secretary, and referred to proper committees.

Bar.—On motion of G. W. Pye, the bar of the Conference was fixed on a line across the room from front of third window.

The Twentieth Question was then called.—"*Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*"

Emporia District being called, J. T. Hanna, the Presiding Elder, read a report of the work, his character passed, and also that of the following effective Elders, they reporting their collections. D. S. Baldwin, S. S. Murphy, W. C. Snodgrass, C. R. Rice, I. R. Lovejoy, T. Lidzy, J. McAnulty, J. W. Fox, J. L. Longdon, G. W. Stafford, T. R. Kennedy, N. B. Johnson and Guy Hamilton. G. W. White and A. K. Johnson also were called and their characters passed.

S. E. Pendleton was announced as transferred to the Kansas Conference.

A. K. Johnson had felt compelled to leave his work during the year; he requested a Supernumerary relation, and his request was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Fort Scott District was called, and under the call E. C. Boaz, the Presiding Elder, presented his report. His character passed, and also that of the following effective Elders who reported their collections: S. Snyder, J. W. Walker, A. G. Robb, W. B. Poinsett. H. V. Givler, V. Staley, J. A. Ferguson, J. M. Payne, Thomas Stephenson, S. P. Cullison, H. W. Chaffee, J. W. Stewart and W. T. White. J. M. Iliff, Superintendent of Missions in the Indian Territory, and G. W. Pye, not in charge, were called and their characters passed.

Announcements were made, the Doxology sung and the Benediction pronounced by the Bishop.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2. o'clock G. W. Pye took the chair and J. McAnulty conducted the devotional exercises.

The committees in charge of the various benevolent collections then took their places, the roll was called and statistics, moneys, &c., were placed in the proper hands.

Announcements were made, the Doxology sung, and J. M. Iliff pronounced the Benediction.

SECOND DAY.

Devotional Services.—J. A. Hyden took charge of the prayer meeting at 8:30, and at 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair.

The roll of absentees from yesterday's session was called, and six answered to their names.

Reading Minutes.—The Secretary read the Minutes of yesterday's sessions, and they were approved.

Presentation.—The Bishop in behalf of the members of the Fort Scott District in appropriate and tender remarks, presenteded E. C. Boaz, their retiring Presiding Elder, a package of money containing $65.00, and Bro. Boaz responded feelingly.

Introductions.—W. T. Freeland, of the Missouri, W. H. Tyner, of the Southern Illinois Conferences; J. W. Baughman, of the United Brethren Church, and L. T. Hayes, from Indiana, representing the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, were introduced, and Bro. Hayes addressed the Conference.

Papers Submitted.—The annual exhibit of the Book Committee was presented and referred to the Committee on Periodical and Religious Literature.

Papers from the National Temperance Society, and also from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Kansas were referred to the Committee on Temperance, and a communication from the Boston Theological Seminary to the Committee on Education.

Examining Committees.—The Bishop appointed J. C. Hull, D. T. Summerville and I. R. Lovejoy a Committee to examine those applying for Local Deacons' orders, and J. W. Fox, H. J. Coker and J. A. Barker to examine those applying for Local Elders' orders, at this session.

The 20th Question, was resumed.

Ottawa District.—R. H. Sparks, Presiding Elder, read his report, and his character passed. He reported that the Missionary plan had been carried out on the District. The following effective Elders made reports of collections and their characters passed: H. J. Coker, J. Hunter, R. T. Harkness, R. M. Scott, S. Davis, J. Murray, C. W. Swartz, J. B. Gibson, C. R. Pattee, A. Maxey, Wm. Shambaugh, C. W. Gullett and S. S. Weatherby.

W. I. Graham, not in charge, character passed.

The Bishop stated that a bill of charges had been presented against H. A. Tucker. A. K. Johnson asked for the appointment of a select committee for trial. After some discussion the request was withdrawn, and on motion of

H. V. Givler, the hearing of the case was made the special order for to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

The name of J. N. Beall, passed over from yesterday, was called, and he requested a certificate of location.

I. Hill moved that his character pass and that his request be granted. C. R. Rice moved as a substitute that the case be referred to the Committee on Conference Relations, which was accepted and adopted and the Committee was permitted to retire.

Independence District.—A. Cullison, Presiding Elder, read his report, and his character passed. He reported that the Missionary plan had been carried out on the District. The following effective Elders made reports of collections and their characters passed: C. T. Durboraw, W. W. Curnutt, D. T. Summerville, S. Hedges, A. S. Freed, J. A. Barker, M. Bell, W. H. McVey, E. A. Graham, C. E. Creager, J. A. Hyden, H. McBirney, O. Bruner and J. S. Budd.

T. S. Hunt on account of ill health had resigned his work, his character passed and he was granted a Supernumerary relation.

I. C. Patton had left his work during the year; he requested a change of relation, his character passed, and his case was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

F. M. Sisson was announced as transferred to the Illinois and H. J. Walker to the Florida Conferences.

The Secretary presented his report and a collection of $12.69 was taken to meet deficiency in the Minute fund.

The 14th Question—"*What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*" was called.

The Deacons of the second year were called, made their reports, were represented by their Presiding Elders and Examining Committee, their characters passed and they were elected to Elders orders, as follows: W. H. Carwardine, Pliny H. Fisk, J. C. Hull, M. V. Robbins, J. H. Price and W. E. Means.

D. F. Holtz, character passed, and he was continued as Deacon of the second class.

The 3d Question—"*Who Remain on Trial?*" was called.

The following were represented and passed in the course of study, their characters passed and they continued on trial and passed to the class of second year: A. L. Scott, W. Emerson, F. P. Blakemore, M. E. Goddard, J. E. Whitehead, C. A. Snelling and R. M. Cullison.

The 13th Question—"*Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class?*" was taken up.

The following were represented and passed in the course of study, their

characters passed and they advanced to Deacons of the second class: Scott F. Stevens, H. A. Cook, A. C. Bennett and V. H. Biddison.

On motion, R. M. Scott was granted leave of absence until Monday morning.

The 19th Question—"*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*" was taken up.

The name of C. Combs was called. His Presiding Elder, E. C. Boaz, stated that charges had been preferred against him and a committee of investigation had suspended him, and on his motion a committee was ordered for his trial, and by request the Bishop appointed the following as the committee: J. McAnulty, Thomas Stephenson, Hugh McBirney, H. W. Reed, W. W. Curnutt, G. W. Stafford, James Hunter, C. R. Pattee, James Murray, M. V. Robbins and D. S. Baldwin. C. R. Rice was appointed Chairman, and E. C. Boaz, counsel for the church. J. M. Iliff was named as Secretary.

Report.—The Committee on Conference Relations presented the following report:

We, your Committee on Conference Relations, in the case of J. N. Beall, recommend that the case be referred to his Presiding Elder for investigation.

On motion, the report was adopted.

J. W. Fox was appointed to conduct the services to-morrow morning.

Announcements were made, the Doxology sung and Benediction pronounced by J. M. Iliff.

THIRD DAY.

The prayer meeting was conducted by J. W. Fox.

At nine o'clock, the Bishop took the chair, and the Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

Introductions.—J. M. Reid, D. D., Missionary Secretary, J. J. Thompson, D. D., Agent American Bible Society, Earl Cranston, D. D., of the Book Concern, J. L. Boyd, Northwest Indiana Conference, R. B. Herron, Pastor of the Presbyterian church, and A. Coffey, Pastor of the Baptist church, of Independence, and C. W. Bennett, D. D., of Garrett Biblical Institute, were introduced, and Dr. Bennett addressed the Conference.

Papers Referred.—A paper from Nelson Case on Episcopal residence, was read and referred to a Special Committee composed of H. V. Givler, C. R. Rice, J. A. Hyden and N. Case. A paper from A. S. Hunt of the American Bible Society was referred to Committee on Bible Cause.

The 10th Question—"*What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?*" was called.

Frank P. Blakemore recommended by the Fontana, John Williams by the Labette, and Henry Carlyon by the Longton Quarterly Conferences, were elected to Deacons' orders.

The 16th Question—"*What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?*" was called.

August Hucke recommended by the Cherryvale Circuit Quarterly Conference was elected to Elder's orders.

The 8th Question.—"*What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?*" was called.

James W. D. Anderson, Sidney Smith, George B. Norton, Henry R. Vollmar and Wm. T. York were admitted into full connection and elected to Deacons orders. Wm. A. Howard was addmitted into full connection, being a Deacon, he to be examined on Logic next year.

The Special Order for 10 o'clock was then taken up, it being the consideration of the charges against H. A. Tucker.

Pending the examination the time was extended, and at 12:15 Conference adjourned, on motion of I. Hill, to meet at 2 P. M.

Announcements were made and the Benediction pronounced by J. M. Reid, D. D.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 2 o'clock P. M., the Bishop in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. W. Walker.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The consideration of the charges against H. A. Tucker was resumed. Specifications 1st and 2d were not sustained, and charge 1st not sustained.

H. A. Tucker was called and his character passed.

Announcements were made and Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

The devotional exercises were in charge of R. T. Harkness.

The Bishop took the chair and the Minutes of Saturday afternoon's session were read, corrected and approved.

On motion, J. M. Payne was appointed on Committee on Post-Offices, in place of W. A. Howard, excused.

The 18th Question.—"*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*" was called.

T. S. Walker and Truman Weed were located at their own request. W. W. Ramsey and I. Hill were continued in the relation, and C. S. Jennis was changed to Superannuate. A. K. Johnson was made Supernumerary.

The 19th Question.—"*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*" was called.

John Broadhead, W. Bristow, John Paulson, Joseph Robinson, A. B. Walker, N. F. Tipton, Boyd Lowe, H. W. Reed, C. Combs and N. A. Baker were continued in that relation. J. Murray was requested to write Bro. Broadhead extending the sympathies of this Conference. N. W. Rine was located at his own request. A. Buckner was made effective.

Report.—The report of the select number in the case of C. Combs was presented, which is as follows:

We, the select number, to whom was referred the case of C. Combs respectfully report: We dismiss the case on account of irregularities in the investigation, in the make up of the committee; and we recommend that a new investigation of the case be had.

On motion, the recommendation of the committee was adopted.

R. M. Scott, chairman of a committee appointed some years ago in case of Widow Parker, reported some funds on hand after settling all claims, and on motion he was instructed to turn over the amount to the Conference Stewards.

Minute Fund.—The Secretary called the roll for subscriptions to the Minute Fund.

Addresses.—Dr. Cranston addressed the Conference in the interest of the Book Concern.

On motion, the time was extended, and Dr. Reid, Missionary Secretary, addressed the Conference on the interests of missions, when the following was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the South Kansas Conference is glad to see and hear a Missionary Secretary; and we heartily thank Dr. Reid, our Senior Secretary, for his presence in our midst, for his good words of cheer, for his grand gospel ser-

mon and several eloquent addresses, the sentiment of which we heartily endorse, and shall ever pray God's richest blessing upon him and his great work; and we shall always hail with joy his visits among us.

C. R. Rice,
J. M. Iliff,
H. W. Chaffee.

The Bishop announced the transfer to this Conference of W. H. Tyner, of the Southern Illinois Conference, and he was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Announcements were made and Conference adjourned with the Doxology and Benediction by Dr. J. M. Reid.

FIFTH DAY.

The devotional services were led by D. S. Baldwin. The Bishop in the chair.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Conference Relations.—The Committee on Conference Relations reported, recommending that C. W. Swartz be granted a Supernumerary relation, which, on motion, was adopted.

J. B. Seiss was changed from Supernumerary to effective. I. C. Patton was granted a Supernumerary relation.

On motion of D. T. Summerville, the Bishop was requested to appoint G. W. Pye Agent of the Preachers' Aid Society.

The 2d Question.—"*Who are admitted on Trial?*" was called.

Abram F. Conrey, recommended by Virgil Circuit Quarterly Conference. Bascom Robbins, recommended by Baldwin City Quarterly Conference, John Williams, recommended by Labette Circuit Quarterly Conference, Charles W. Nicklin, recommended by Emporia Quarterly Conference, and Henry Carlyon, recommended by Longton Circuit Quarterly Conference were duly recommended and admitted on trial.

The 7th Question.—"*Who are Received on Credentials from other Churches?*" was called.

Temple C. Sparkman from the M. E. Church South was admitted, his orders recognized and he placed in class of Deacons of the first year.

Sidney J. Brownson, an Elder from the Presbyterian Church, was introduced, his credentials read, he was examined by the Bishop according to the Discipline, and on motion, admitted and his credentials as an Elder recognized and he excused from Conference literary examinations.

Place for next Session.—On motion of E. C. Boaz, Conference proceeded to select the place for holding the next session. Parsons and Chanute were nominated. Parsons was selected, and on motion, the election was made unanimous.

Report.—The report of the Committee on Periodical and Religious Literature was read. Pending its adoption B. St. James Fry, D. D., Editor of the *C. C. Advocate*, addressed the Conference.

Education.—The report of the Committee on Education was presented. H. A. Tucker moved to amend the report by substituting the name of H. V. Givler for G. G. Wharton as member of the Board of Trustees.

D. T. Summerville moved that the substitute lay on the table, and it prevailed, when the report was adopted.

On motion, all funds in the hands of the Educational Association were ordered paid to the Agent of the Baker University.

The Bishop presented the certificates of ordination of Deacons and Elders.

The fraternal greetings of the Missouri and Kansas Conference of the colored M. E. Church of America was presented in a letter of B. Smith, which was read and A. Buckner was, on motion, appointed to return the fraternal greetings of this Conference.

On motion, J. W. Walker, J. Murray and H. V. Givler were elected to supply vacancies in Board of Trustees of the Conference.

The following resolutions were presented and adopted:

Resolved, That we extend a vote of thanks to Rev. Earl Cranston, D. D., Agent of our Western Methodist Book Concern, for his visit among us, and his valuable services while here; and shall sincerely pray God's blessing upon him and his co-workers.

2d. And as ever in the past, welcome Dr. B. St. J. Fry, editor of our "*Central;*" and promise him the best possible support in his great work.

Resolved, That as a Conference we extend our most sincere thanks to Bishop Ninde for the kindness and Christian courtesy he has extended to us as ministers, and for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over these sessions of our annual gathering, and that we will pray most earnestly for his full restoration to healthfulness, and will hail with joy his return to us at any future session of our Conference, and express our pleasure in having him a resident of our State.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to Bro. H. W. Chaffee and the other Secretaries, and C. R. Rice, Conference Reporter, for the very faithful and pleasant manner in which they have performed the duties of their office.

D. T. Summerville,
Hugh McBirney.

Resolved, That we most heartily thank Rev. J. B. Ford, Pastor of Independence Charge, for the Christian courtesy he has extended to us as a Conference, and the ample provision made by him for our entertainment; and that we also

warmly thank the good people of Independence for the hospitable manner in which they have opened to us their homes, and the welcome they have extended to us as ministers of the Gospel.

We also include the Presiding Elder, Rev. A. Cullison, in this our resolution of thanks, for his earnest efforts to make us comfortable and at home during our stay in Independence.

Resolved, That we heartily appreciate the presence, sermon and address of Dr. C. W. Bennett, of Garrett Biblical Institute.

Resolved, That we make the printed Minutes of our Conference an authorized copy for all purposes of reference.

HUGH MCBIRNEY,
JOHN H. PRICE.

The Committee on Sunday Schools and Tracts reported, and the report was adopted.

On motion, all reports were ordered placed on the Secretary's table, to be read by the Secretary.

A motion prevailed that when we adjourn it be to meet at 3 o'clock P. M.

The Bishop appointed O. Bruner to conduct the devotional services this afternoon, and A. Buckner to preside.

The announcements were made and Conference adjourned with the Benediction by Dr. Fry.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference met as per adjournment at 3 o'clock, A. Buckner in the chair. O. Bruner conducted the devotional exercises.

Reports of Committees.—The report of Conference Stewards was read and adopted.

The Committee on Temperance reported, which was amended and adopted, and Dr. Fry requested to publish the resolutions in the *C. C. Advocate*.

The Auditing Committee, also the Committees on District Conference Journals, Mormonism, Church Extension, Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union, Freedmen's Aid, Bible Cause, Sabbath, Popular Amusements, Memoirs, Family and Home Religion and Benevolent Apportionments made reports, which were adopted. (See Reports.)

Conference Trustee.—On motion of H. W. Chaffee, H. McBirney was

appointed as one of the Trustees of the Conference, in place of F. M. Sisson transferred.

A resolution was adopted permitting the Secretary to condense reports if he shall think best.

Dr. J. M. Reid was invited to address the Conference again in regard to Missions. At 5 o'clock the Bishop came in and took the chair.

On motion, the Bishop was requested to appoint T. C. Sparkman to attend school at Baker University.

The Triers of Appeals were elected and the Committees of Examinations were announced.

C. R. Pattee was appointed to preach the annual Missionary sermon, W. C. Snodgrass alternate.

The Board of Church Extension, the Board of Church Location, officers of the Conference Missionary Society and Conference Sunday School Society were nominated and elected. The Statistical Secretary read his report.

Collection.—A collection amounting to $17.40 was taken and presented to the Janitor by the Bishop.

The Committee on Missions made their report.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved, as also those of the afternoon session.

Dr. Fry then led in prayer, after which the Bishop made a few remarks in an affectionate manner and read the appointments.

The Doxology was then sung and the Benediction pronounced by the Bishop.

W. X. NINDE, President.

H. W. CHAFFEE, Secretary.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1.—"*Who are received by Transfer and from what Conferences?*

W. C. Snodgrass and N. B. Johnson, West Virginia; J. B. Ford, Illinois; S. S. Murphy, Iowa; J. F. Rhoades, North Indiana; G. W. Stafford, Indiana; Wm. H. Tyner, Southern Illinois.

QUESTION 2.—*Who are Admitted on Trial?*

Abram F. Conrey, Bascom Robbins, John Williams, Charles W. Nicklin, Henry Carlyon.

QUESTION 3.—*Who remain on Trial?*

Frank P. Blakemore, Robert M. Cullison, Wesley Emerson, Marcellus E. Goddard, Albert L. Scott, Charles A. Snelling, John E. Whitehead.

QUESTION 4.—*Who are Discontinued?* None.

QUESTION 5.—*Who are admitted into full Connection?*

James W. D. Anderson, William A. Howard, George B. Norton, Sidney Smith, Henry R. Vollmar, William T. York.

QUESTION 6.—*Who are Re-admitted?* None.

QUESTION 7.—*Who are received on Credentials from other Churches?*

Temple C. Sparkman from M. E. Church South, Sidney J. Brownson from Presbyterian Church.

QUESTION 8.—*What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?*

James W. D. Anderson, George B. Norton, Sidney Smith, Henry R. Vollmar, William T. York.

QUESTION 9.—*What Traveling Preachers have been orddined Deacons?*

James W. D. Anderson, George B. Norton, Sidney Smith, Henry R. Vollmar, William T. York.

QUESTION 10.—*What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?*

Frank P. Blakemore, John Williams, Henry Carlyon.

QUESTION 11.—*What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?*

Frank P. Blakemore, John Williams. Henry Carlyon.

QUESTION 12.—*Who are the Traveling Deacons of the first class?*

James W. D. Anderson, George B. Norton, Sidney Smith, Henry R. Vollmar, William T. York, William A. Howard, Temple C. Sparkman.

QUESTION 13.—*Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second class?*

Alexander C. Bennett, Valeda H. Biddison, Herman A. Cook, David F. Holtz, Scott F. Stevens.

QUESTION 14.—*What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*

William H. Carwardine, Pliny H. Fisk, James C. Hull, William E. Means. John H. Price, Martin V. Robbins.

QUESTION 15.—*What Traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?*

William H. Carwardine, Pliny H. Fisk, James C. Hull, William E. Means, John H. Price, Martin V. Robbins.

QUESTION 16.—*What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?* August Hucke.

QUESTION 17.—*What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders?* August Hucke.

QUESTION 18.—*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*"

Thomas S. Hunt, Isaac Hill, William W. Ramsey, A. K. Johnson, I. C. Pat-

QUESTION 19.—*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

John Broadhead, W. Bristow, N. A. Baker, C. Combs, C. S. Jennis, B. Lowe, John Paulson, Joseph Robinson, H. W. Reed, N. F. Tipton, A. B. Walker.

QUESTION 20.—*Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?* Yes.

QUESTION 21.—*Have any died?* None.

QUESTION 22.—*Have any been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*

S. E. Pendleton to Kansas, F. M. Sisson to Illinois, H. J. Walker to Florida.

QUESTION 23.—*Have any withdrawn?* None.

QUESTION 24.—*Have any been Located at their own request?*

Noah W. Rine, Thomas S. Walker, Truman Weed.

QUESTION 25.—*Have any been Located?* None.

QUESTION 26.—*Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges?* None.

QUESTION 27.—*Have any been expelled?* None.

QUESTION 28.—*Who are selected to be the Triers of Appeals?*

J. A. Hyden, S. S. Murphy, C. W. Gullett, J. M. Iliff, C. R. Pattee, J. McAnulty, J. W. Walker.

QUESTION 29.—*What is the Statistical Report for this Conference year?* See Statistical Tables.

QUESTION 30.—*What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?* $1,175.00.

QUESTION 31.—*What has been received on these claims and how has it been applied?* See Report of Conference Stewards?

QUESTION 32.—*Where are the Preachers Stationed?* See List of Appointments.

QUESTION 33.—*Where shall the next Conference be held?* Parsons.

LIST OF APPOINTMENTS.

SOUTH KANSAS CONFERENCE.

FORT SCOTT DISTRICT.

A. G. ROBB, P. E., 1.—(P. O., Fort Scott.)

Baxter Spr'gs, M E Bramhall, (supply) 1
Beulah, J C. Hull. 1
Cherokee, J. W. Walker. 1
Columbus, H. W. Chaffee. 1
Crestline & Weir City, J. E. Whitehead 1
Erie, J. H. Price 1
Fort Scott, H. V. Givler 3
Fort Scott Circuit A. F. Conrey 1
Fulton, J. M. Iliff 1
Galesburg, S. F. Stevens 2
Girard, I. R. Lovejoy 1
Girard Circuit, J. B. Gibson. 1
Hallowell, P. H. Fisk 2
LaCygne, S. J. Brownson 1
Monmouth & McCune, J. M. Payne. ..3
Mound City, Thomas Stephenson. 2
Mulberry Grove, S. P. Cullison. 2
Osage Mission, J. M. Baugher (supply) 2
Parsons, H. A. Tucker 1
Pittsburg & Opolis, J. W. Stewart. ...2
Pleasanton, F. P. Blakemore. 1
Redfield, S. J. Heaton, (supply). 2
Walnut, M. E. Goddard. 2
Xenia, J. H. Strain, (supply). 1

Sanford Snyder, Superintendent of Missions in Indian Territory, Post office Grand River.

G. W. Pye, Agent of Preacher's Aid Society, and Member of Cherokee Quarterly Conference.

INDEPENDENCE DISTRICT.

A. CULLISON, P. E., 4.—(P. O., Independence.)

Altamont, H. R. Vollmar. 1
Caney, R. M. Cullison. 2
Cecil, J. B. Seiss 1
Cedarvale, W. T. York. 2
Chanute, J. F. Rhoades. 2
Chanute Circuit, to be supplied 1
Cherryvale, C. T. Durboraw 3
Cherryvale Ct., John Elrod, (supply) 1
Chetopa, W. W. Curnutt 3
Chetopa Circuit, Marion Bell. 1
Coffeyville, H. McBirney. 1
Dennis, J. W. D. Anderson. 1
Edna, A. S. Freed 1
Elk City, John Williams 1
Grenola, W. T. Freeland, (supply) ..1
Independence, J. B. Ford 2
Independence Circuit, W. H. McVey. .1
Labette, J. S. Budd. 1
Liberty, J. W. Fox. 1
Longton O. Bruner. 1
Moline, S. Hedges. 1
Mound Valley, C. E. Creager 2
Neodesha, D. T. Summerville. 1
Oswego, J. A. Hyden. 1
Peru, to be supplied ..... .
Sedan, to be supplied ..... .
Thayer, A. C. Bennett. 1
Waneta, Wm. Simons, (supply). 1

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

R. H. Sparks, P. E., 3.—(P. O., Garnett.)

Baldwin, First Church, E. C. Boaz....1
Second Church, to be supplied.
Blue Mound, W. B. Poinsett....2
Colony, J. L. Longdon....1
Fontana, W. A. Howard....1
Garnett, H. J. Coker....2
Greeley, W. H. Carwardine....1
Humboldt, R. T. Harkness....2
Iola, R. M. Scott....2
Lane, James Hunter....1
LeRoy, S. S. Weatherby....1
Louisburg, James Murray....3
Moran, W. E. Means....1
Mount Ida, M. V. Robbins....1
Neosho Falls, } A. Maxey....3
Neosho Falls, } and V. H. Biddison....1
Osawatomie, Wm. Shambaugh....2
Ottawa, C. W. Gullett....1
North Ottawa, Sprague Davis....1
Paola, J. A. Ferguson....1
Princeton, Wesley Emerson....1
Welda, Bascom Robbins....1
Williamsburg, C. R. Pattee....3
Yates Center, W. T. White....1

Agent of Baker University, A. Buckner. Professor of Baker University, W. I. Graham. T. C. Sparkman to attend Baker University, members of Baldwin Quarterly Conference.

EMPORIA DISTRICT.

J. T. Hanna, P. E., 2.—(P. O., Emporia.)

Altoona, V. Staley....1
Americus, D. S. Baldwin....2
Burlington, S. S. Murphy....2
Cedar Point, G. B. Norton....1
Coyville, T. R. Kennedy....2
Cottonwood Falls, N. B. Johnson....2
Dunlap, T. W. Royal, (supply)....2
Emporia, 1st church, W. C. Snodgrass, 2
Emporia, West St., G. Tyacke (supply) 1
Eureka, C. R. Rice....2
Fall River, to be supplied.
Fredonia, Thos. Lidzy....1
Hartford, W. H. Tyner....1
Howard, Joel A. Barker....2
Howard Circuit, C. A. Snelling....1
Lebo, Sidney Smith....2
Madison, E. A. Graham....1
Matfield, H. A. Cook....1
Melvern, G. W. Stafford....1
Quenemo, Dr. H. W. Reed....1
Reading, A. L. Scott....2
Safford, John McAnulty....2
Severy, H. Carlyon....1
Strawn, G. W. White....2
Toronto, C. W. Nicklin....1
Virgil, D. F. Holtz....2
Waverly, Guy Hamilton....1

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

The Committee on Missions have agreed to the following Missions and appropriations:

EMPORIA DISTRICT.

Cedar Point	$ 40
Cottonwood Falls	50
Dunlap	125
Matfield	40
Fall River	50
Reading	50
Strawn	50
Virgil	50
Lebo	50
Emporia, West Street	200
Total	$705

FORT SCOTT DISTRICT.

Fort Scott Circuit	$100
Baxter Springs	100
Xenia	60
Redfield	40
Mulberry	40
Pittsburgh & Opolis	40
Crestline & Weir City	40
LaCygne	60
Total	$530

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

North Ottawa	$150
Iola	80
Neosho Falls	60
Moran	50
LeRoy	50
Lane	50
Welda	40
Baldwin, Second Charge	125
Total	$605

INDEPENDENCE DISTRICT.

Cecil	$ 50
Cedarvale	50
Chetopa Circuit	100
Independence Circuit	50
Longton	60
Peru	50
Dennis	50
Waneta	50
Elk City	100
Total	$560

E. C. BOAZ, President.

R. H. SPARKS, Secretary.

I approve the above, W. X. NINDE.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This certifies that on Sunday, March 15th, 1885, in Independence, Kansas, I ordained the following persons to the office of Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church, namely:

James W. D. Anderson, George B. Norton, Sidney Smith,
Henry R. Vollmar, William T. York, Frank P. Blakemore,
John Williams, Henry Carlyon.

Also, that on the same day and in the same place, by the assistance of Elders present, I ordained

William H. Carwardine, Pliny H. Fisk, James C. Hull, William E. Means,
John H. Price, Martin V. Robbins, August Hucke,
as Elders in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

WILLIAM X. NINDE.

Independence, Kansas, March 16th, 1885.

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES, COMMITTEES, &c.

Missionary.—President, R. M. Scott. Secretary, C. T. Durboraw.
Vice-President, J. B. Ford. Treasurer, D. S. Baldwin.

Preachers' Aid.—President, B. Kelly. Secretary, J. B. Seiss.
Vice-President, J. McAnulty. Treasurer, J. Murray.

Board of Control.—E. A. Graham, A. Maxey, R. M. Scott, J. W. Fox, J. A. Hyden, C. R. Pattee, D. T. Summerville.

Disbursing Committee.—R. M. Scott, A. Maxey, E. A. Graham.

Auditing Committee.—C. R. Rice, D. T. Summerville.

Conference Board of Church Extension.—
President, C. R. Rice. Secretary, H. W. Chaffee.
Vice-President, R. N. Allen. Treasurer, G. W. McClellan.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.

J. F. Rhoades, J. A. Hyden, R. T. Harkness, J. C. Biles, C. Ruff, J. A. Colaw.

Educational Society.—President, W. I. Graham. Secretary, J. W. Walker. Treasurer, S. S. Weatherby.

Trustees of the Conference.—J. W. Walker, J. Murray, H. V. Givler, 1888; J. T. Hanna, R. H. Sparks, H. McBirney, 1887; H. W. Chaffee, A. K. Johnson, C. R. Rice, 1886.

Triers of Appeals.—J. A. Hyden, S. S. Murphy, C. W. Gullett, J. M. Iliff, C. R. Pattee, J. McAnulty, J. W. Walker.

Trustees of Baker University.—H. W. Chaffee, H. A. Tucker, Wm. Conover, 1886; S. E. Pendleton, D. T. Summerville, N. Case, W. T. Yoe, 1887; H. W. Reed, E. C. Boaz, H. C. Mechem, J. N. Ritter, 1888; L. N. Stacher, G. G. Wharton, J. H. Price, J. T. Hanna, 1889.

Visitors to Baker University.—W. C. Snodgrass, H. McBirney, J. B. Ford, E. C. Boaz.

Visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute.—C. R. Pattee, H. A. Tucker.

Examining Committees for 1886.—

Admission on Trial—I. R. Lovejoy, J. H. Price, C. R. Pattee, S. Hedges.
First Year—W. H. Carwardine, T. Stephenson, W. W. Curnutt, G. W. Stafford.
Second Year—J. W. Stewart, J. B. Ford, G. W. White, H. J. Coker.
Third Year—D. T. Summerville, J. W. Walker, S. S. Weatherby, Jas. Hunter.
Fourth Year—W. C. Snodgrass, E. C. Boaz, H. A. Tucker, H. McBirney.

For Local Deacon's Orders.—C. W. Gullett, J. M. Payne, J. S. Budd, G. Hamilton.

For Local Elders' Orders.—J. C. Hull, A. S. Freed, J. L. Longdon, R. T. Harkness.

To Preach Annual Missionary Sermon.—C. R. Pattee. Alternate, W. C. Snodgrass.

Conference Board of Church Location.—

Emporia District—W. C. Snodgrass, D. S. Baldwin, E. W. Cunningham, J. W. Loy.
Ottawa District—J. Murray, H. J. Coker, L. N. Stacher, C. W. DeWolf.
Fort Scott District—J. M. Iliff, H. V. Givler, J. G. Ogden, W. C. Young.
Independence District—J. A. Hyden, C. E. Creager, N. Case, L. Baker.

Sunday School Society.—C. R. Pattee, President. R. M. Scott, Secretary. J. A. Hyden, Treasurer.

PUBLIC SERVICES.

Thursday, 3 P. M.—Sunday School Anniversary—Addresses by J. A. Hyden and S. S. Murphy.

7:30 P. M.—Church Extension Anniversary—Addresses by W. A. Spencer and C. R. Rice.

Friday, 3 P. M.—Anniversary of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society—Addresses by Mrs. J. F. Rhoades and Mrs. C. R. Pattee.

7:30 P. M.—Anniversary of Freedmen's Aid Society—Addresses by C. W. Gullett and H. V. Givler.

Saturday, 3:30 P. M.—Preachers' Aid Society—Addresses by J. M. Reid, D. D., C. W. Bennett, D. D., and Earl Cranston, D. D.

7:30 P. M.—Missionary Anniversary—Address by J. M. Reid, D. D.

Sunday Appointments.

First M. E. Church, 11 A. M.—C. W. Bennett, D. D. 3 P. M.—Earl Cranston, D. D. 7:30 P. M.—J. M. Reid, D. D.

Presbyterian Church, 11 A. M.—Jos. A. Ferguson. 7:30 P. M.—C. W. Bennett, D. D.

Congregational Church, 11 A. M.—H. V. Givler. 7:30 P. M.—W. C. Snodgrass.

First Baptist Church, 11 A. M.—H. A. Tucker. 7:30 P. M.—W. T. White.

United Brethren Church, 11 A. M.—C. R. Pattee. 7:30 P. M.—J. McAnulty.

Christian Church, 11 A. M.—H. J. Coker. 7:30 P. M.—J. F. Rhoades.

Second M. E. Church, 11 A. M.—O. Bruner. 7:30 P. M.—Wm. Simons.

A. M. E. Church.—C. A. Snelling.

Cherryvale—S. S. Weatherby.

Monday, 3 P. M.—Annual Missionary Sermon, by A. G. Robb.

7:30 P. M.—Educational Association Anniversary—Addresses by C. W. Bennett, D. D., W. C. Snodgrass, Bishop Ninde, W. I. Graham and A. Buckner. Subscription for the new building taken to the amount of $3,040.

Tuesday, 7:30 P. M.—Temperance—Addresses by Dr. Fry, H. A. Tucker, D. T. Summerville and J. F. Rhoades.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Auditing.—We have carefully examined the reports of the Presiding Elders in the matter of the disbursement of the Missionary Funds, and find them to be correct. J. ALBERT HYDEN, Chairman.

Benevolent Apportionments.—The Committee on Benevolent Apportionments, Bishops' Salaries, Conference Claimants and Episcopal Residence, would report the following amounts: (1) For Missions, $2,500 00; (2) For Church Extension, $1,000.00; (3) For Freedmen's Aid, $1,000.00; (4) For Episcopal Fund, $808.00; (5) For Education, $800.00; (6) For Conference Claimants, $900.00; (7) For Episcopal Residence, $1,350.00; (8) For Sunday School Union, $200.00; (9) For Tracts, $120.00; that they be divided into four equal parts, and one part apportioned to each district. E. C. BOAZ, President.

R. H. SPARKS, Secretary.

Bible Cause.—*Resolved*, That in the best interests of the individual, the family, society and the State, the word of God should be published and freely circulated everywhere among the masses; and that it should never be excluded from the public schools in our land.

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend that annual offerings be made in all our churches for the American Bible Society.

Resolved, That we commend the Rev. J. J. Thompson and his colporteurs to the hearty co-operation of the church.

J. L. LONGDON, Chairman.

Church Extension.—We, your Committee, recognize the importance of this department of church work, and compliment the general church on the great work thus accomplished. We also appreciate the assistance rendered our Conference in the erection of very many churches. We would also recommend fidelity to this department of church work. We believe it also to be the duty of all our ministers to urge upon our people the claims of this most valuable enterprise; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the South Kansas Conference, will use our best endeavors not only to keep pace with what has gone before, but to make a great advance, because of the work it has done and is competent to do with our hearty patronage.

D. T. SUMMERVILLE, Chairman.

Conference Stewards.—Claim on Conference fund, - $1,175.00

Receipts from collections	$631.40
Dividend from Book Concern	126.00
Receipts per R. M. Scott, (Conference order,)	13.80
" Chartered Fund	30.00
Total	$801.20

Distributed as follows:

Mrs. D. P. Mitchell, (paid to J. T. Hanna)	$200.00
Mrs. Z. B. Hitchcock, (paid to E. A. Graham)	200.00
A. B. Walker, (paid to H. W. Chaffee)	150.00
H. W. Reed, (paid to himself)	100.00
Will Bristow, (paid to A. Buckner)	100.00
N. A. Baker, (paid to W. I. Graham)	26.20
Nellie Stogdill, (paid to A. Maxey)	25.00
Total	$801.20

We recommend Par. 367, of the Discipline, as the proper form for presenting claims to the Conference.

We recommend that the sum of $900.00 be raised for Conference claimants the ensuing year. J. W. Walker, Chairman.

Preachers' Aid.—The following amounts were disbursed by the Preachers' Aid Society:

Mrs. D. P. Mitchell	$39.72
Rev. M. M. Haun	32.50
Mrs. Z. B. Hitchcock	21.66
Mrs. C. M. Wysong	21.67
Mrs. L. S. Ashbaugh	14.45
Total	$130.00

A. Maxey,
R. M. Scott.

District Conference Journal.—We would respectfully report having examined the Journal of the Fort Scott District Conference, the only one in the Conference, and find it neatly and correctly kept.

Irving R. Lovejoy, Chairman.

Education.—Your Committee has considered the several matters of interest referred to it, the institutions of learning to which its attention has been called, and the cause of education within the bounds of our Conference; and we respectfully submit the following report:

We are pleased to learn of the increased and steadily increasing prosperity our own institution of learning—Baker University—located at Baldwin City, Kansas. This college year 440 persons have been in attendance upon her classes—an increase of 48 over the previous year; and it is thought that the attendance will reach 500 before the close of the collegiate year.

The new building has been enclosed and should be completed by the annual Commencement. The increased attendance has increased the expense for instruction. The present low rate of tuition will not meet the current expenses unless it be supplemented by a liberal educational collection.

We cheerfully and earnestly commend Baker University to the attention of all Methodist people within our Conference limits as an institution of learn-

ing pre-eminently suited in moral influences and educational privileges to the needs of our young people who may desire and seek the advantages of a higher education.

As one of the great fields of usefulness in the century just opening before us is that of education, we earnestly urge upon each member of this Conference the necessity for using his best efforts to strengthen and build up our own University by securing to it all the financial aid possible, and by inducing young people whom he may influence to seek an education there.

We recommend that $800.00 be apportioned the charges of the Conference for the cause of education; and that each pastor in charge be instructed to report all he may raise for this cause at the next session of our Conference in cash.

We recommend Prof. W. I. Graham to our presiding Bishop for re-appointment as professor in Baker University.

We recommend the appointment of Rev. A. Buckner as agent of the University.

We recommend the election of the following brethren as officers of the South Kansas Conference Educational Society:

President, W. I. Graham. Secretary, J. W. Walker.

Treasurer, S. S. Weatherby.

We recommend that W. C. Snodgrass, H. McBirney, J. B. Ford, and the pastor of our church at Baldwin City, be appointed visitors at Baker University for the ensuing year.

We recommend the appointment of L. N. Stacher, G. G. Wharton, J. H. Price and J. T. Hanna as trustees of Baker University for the term of four years.

We recognize the growing demand for an educated ministry, and would commend the Theological schools of our church to the favorable notice of all young men who propose to enter the ministry of our church.

We recommend the appointment of C. R. Pattee and H. A. Tucker as visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute for the ensuing year.

We desire to call the attention of each member of the Conference to the new provisions of the Discipline on the subject of education.

We desire, also, to call the attention of young men to the fact that by the act of the late General Conference of our church they can avail themselves of the privilege of further preparing themselves for the Master's work without the loss of their Conference relations.

We desire to endorse the recommendation of the commission from each Kansas Conference, which met in Emporia last June, declaring by resolution that no change was now desired in our educational work and plans for this State.

We recommend the appointment of E. W. Cunningham, Nelson Case and

T. B. Sweet as a Commission to revise the by-laws of the Kansas Educational Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

We recommend that the Endowment Association of the South Kansas Conference be instructed to turn over all moneys, property, or interests in its charge to the Kansas Educational Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the benefit of Baker University.

We affirm that as pastors we will welcome the Agent of Baker University to our charges and aid him all we can in raising necessary funds for our University.

C. W. GULLETT, Chairman.

J. A. FERGUSON, Secretary.

Freedmen's Aid.—Your Committee is pleased to report even so small an increase as $28.50 over collections of last year for the Freedmen's Aid Society.

In view of the present condition of the seven millions of colored people among us, their rapid increase in numbers as compared with the white population of the United States, and the important factor they are to become in our national, social and religious life, we urge as a clear Christian duty and the means of averting possible evils of great magnitude the Christian education of this race; and that we pledge our best efforts to raise the full apportionment of one thousand ($1,000) dollars this Conference year.

H. V. GIVLER, Chairman.

Family and Home Religion.—The homes are the civil and moral indices of a people. The religious belief of a people gives character to the homes.

Religion is valuable and forceful in the ratio that it is made available in the practical of life's realities. This is never more true than in the relation that pastors sustain to their people; that parents sustain to their children.

As your Committee we call attention to one of the greatest needs of our Methodism of to-day—that of consecrated family altars in all our homes, and to this end let every pastor inform himself on this point of family prayers in the homes of his parishioners, and strive to make more efficient this service where it is had, and to urge the delinquents to duty on this line, and thereby create and perpetuate this bond of sacred family union that will live in the memory, and stimulate to a deeper consecration to Christ, developing a nobler Christian manhood among all our people for usefulness here, and resulting in a greater harvest of souls for the Master's kingdom above.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. PALMER, Chairman.

Mormonism.—We deprecate the great evil of polygamy, the bulwark of Mormonism, and regard it as a great cancer in the heart of our free country, and insist that the most strenuous measures be used by the government for its suppression.

We heartily endorse the measures taken already by our government to pro-

tect the sacredness of the home, but fail to see the consistency of trying to suppress polygamy and at the same time permitting Mormon missionaries to go abroad to proselyte and land their dupes on our shores by the thousand with our consent. H. W. Reed, Chairman.

Popular Amusements.—Loyalty to the spirit of the gospel of Christ requires a careful discrimination between the carnal and the spiritual, the world and the church of God.

Your Committee would respectfully recommend, that as Ministers, we should, with all diligence and earnestness, disparage the attendance of our congregations upon current and unholy, so-called, amusements, invented by the sinful or morally indifferent. Not only such as are specified in the Discipline under "Imprudent Conduct," but most emphatically the skating rink, the later invention of a Christless and pleasure-loving world, so common in all our borders. Its seeming, but delusive innocency, is the most calculated to deceive, "even the elect," and to cover up the sensual and demoralizing character and tendency of this amusement, which is "only evil and that continually." We should, therefore, most earnestly warn our people against this modern craze, in order to guard and foster the *modesty*, *virtue* and *spirituality* of our Zion.

W. W. Curnutt, Chairman.

Periodicals and Religious Literature.—Your Committee would, if need be, call special attention to the many valuable books, cheap in price, now loading the shelves of our publishing houses. We would urge the circulation of good literature, and thereby crowd out the bad that is being scattered among the masses.

We would recommend that pastors, wherever practicable, organize Church Lyceums and call attention to the plan of Horace Reed, D. D., of Mattoon. Ill.

Our motto ought to be an *Advocate* in every home. The "*Central*" first, because it is our Conference organ and because Dr. Fry keeps it abreast the western life that stirs about us.

We call attention to the *Sunday School Weekly* that is to be, and hope it may meet with abundant success. Again, brethren, let us spread Methodist literature. C. R. RICE, Chairman.

H. A. Tucker, Secretary.

Sabbath.—*Resolved*, That we fully appreciate the Sabbath as a day of rest and worship; and we regret the constant violations of its sanctity as seen everywhere about us.

Resolved, That we will, as Ministers of the Gospel, set forth the duty of strict observance of God's Holy Day, and that we will use our influence against making it a day of pleasure and sport.

J. C. Hull, Chairman.

Temperance.—*Resolved*, That prohibition is the only efficient method of exterminating the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

2d, That a majority of the people of Kansas are unequivocably in favor of prohibition; and we recognize with much delight the fact that it is daily growing in popular favor, and implanting itself more deeply in the hearts of the people.

3d, That we further rejoice in the fact, that the present Legislature of the State has an overwhelming majority in perfect harmony and accord with the prevailing sentiment of the people upon this question.

4th, That under our form of government, majority is sovereignty, and with rightful authority demands allegiance and obedience from every citizen, and to her will all patriots gladly yield their homage, that all unlawful venders of intoxicants in Kansas shall feel her power.

5th, That it is the duty of all Christians to unite with all patriots and friends of sobriety and temperance in one solid phalanx against the demon power of rum, the bane of society, and the common enemy of all religion, morality and good government.

WM. B. POINSETT, Chairman.

Episcopal Residence.—We, your Committee, appointed to report to the Conference in reference to a residence for our Bishop at Topeka, Kansas, submit the following report, *viz.*:

That we adopt the recommendation made in the document presented to this Conference by Nelson Case, and that the amount named—$1,350—be apportioned by the Presiding Elders to the various charges in the Conference, based upon the ministerial support of the several charges, but if they think it necessary they may extend the time for collecting the same to two or three years.

Respectfully submitted,

H. V. GIVLER,
C. R. RICE,
J. ALBERT HYDEN.

Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union.—The strength of consecrated womanhood was never more efficient in the active forces of the Church than at the present; and many of us as pastors have realized in our own fields of labor the great advantages of utilizing this element of co-operative help in building up the various interests of the Church; and whereas, all our forces are powerful for good in the ratio that they are skillfully organized and directed.

Therefore, your Committee on "Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union," would respectfully recommend that the Christian women in every charge of our Conference be organized as far as may be practicable to assist the pastors in earnest, specific work for God, not only in doing deeds of charity, but in saving the people from their sins.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. PALMER, Chairman.

Sunday Schools and Tracts.—We are pleased to note an encouraging advance in every department of our Sunday School work throughout the Conference during the past year. The amount collected for the Sunday School Union is $126.31, an increase of $15.52—seventeen charges not reporting. We also hail, with gladness, the wonderful developments in the Sunday School work of the present day, both in its denominational and inter-denominational character.

Recognizing our true relation to these movements, and yet remembering

the demands of our distinctive work, we would recommend the following for adoption:

1st. That this Conference be organized into a Sunday School Society, auxiliary to the Sunday School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on a basis similar to that of the Conference Missionary Society.

2d. That the Conference be organized by Districts, for District and sub-District Institute work, on such plan and under such regulations as the Presiding Elders and the pastors may desire on their respective districts.

3d. That while we hold ourselves in co-operative sympathy with the "Chautauqua Idea," and its inter-denominational work, we faithfully adhere to our own Sunday School literature; and to all the provisions of our S. S. Union.

4th. That we make the salvation of all connected with our Sunday Schools, the great ultimate end of their work.

On the subject of Tracts we would report, funds collected, $95.00—twenty-two charges not reported. In this department we recommend that increased efforts be made in the distribution of our Tracts among the people, and to bring our local Tract committees into more active service.

C. R. PATTEE, Chairman.

S. S. MURPHY, Secretary.

Treasurer of Educational Society.

DISTRICTS.	Regular collection.	Children's day.	Total.	Increase.	Decrease.
Emporia	$160.00	$ 43.25	$203.25	$ 73.05	
Ottawa	111.50	59 55	171.05	8.00	
Fort Scott	148.25	81.20	229.45	53.93	
Independence	111.00	127.45	238.45	40.00	
Totals	$530.75	$311.45	$842.20	$174.98	

DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS:

To Dr. D. P. Kidder	$311.45
To Treasurer Baker University	102.50
Cash on hand	$428.25

S. S. WEATHERBY.

Memoirs.—By the tender mercies of God all our brethren have been spared during the year, not one has fallen. Let God be praised for his great and continued mercy to us, his children.

Some homes, however, have been entered by the cold hand of the fell destroyer, some have been called unto the valley of the shadow of death.

COMBS.—Eliza A. Combs, wife of Rev. Clement Combs, died in Columbus, Kansas, April 1st, 1884.

Sister Combs was born in Connecticut February 17th, 1828; was married December 5th, 1843. She was a member of the M. E. Church for about forty-four years, and for eighteen years shared with her husband the toils, sorrows and pleasures of the itinerancy. She expected to be called suddenly, and so she was, being taken sick while out at an evening entertainment and dying before they reached home with her. The last Sabbath before her death she was in her place in the Sanctuary, though in feeble health. We have the consolation of the hope that death found her ready.

EMERSON.—Bro. Emerson and wife have passed through the very severe trial of losing their eldest son, John H. Emerson. He was born August 6th, 1866; was converted and joined the M. E. Church January, 1883. His last moments were full of peace. He died in the 19th year of his age, October 19th, 1884.

GULLETT.—Bro. Gullett and wife in July last suffered the loss of their little Leota. She was born December 12th, 1883, lived seven short months and died; to live forever with Jesus the friend of children.

SHAMBAUGH.—Last August the dark-winged messenger called at the parsonage in Osawatomie and Brother and Sister Shambaugh's son William A., aged six months, went with him.

WHITE.—Mattie Olive White, infant daughter of Bro. and Sister W. T. White, has also gone before. She lived here 18 months, and then "She was not for God took her." She was born December 21st, 1882, and died July 26th, 1884.

ANDERSON.—Cora Grace, infant daughter of J. W. D. and H. D. Anderson, who was born November 15th, 1884, died December 8th, the same year, aged twenty-three days. "Planted to bloom in Paradise."

These bereaved parents have our sincerest sympathy and prayers in their great affliction. May the God of all grace sustain them.

H. J. Coker, }
Guy Hamilton, } Committee.

C. T. DURBORAW, Statistical Secretary.

FORT SCOTT DISTRICT.

	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Membership				Bp't.		Church Property.								
		No. Probationers.	No. Full Members	No. Local Preacher	No. Deaths	No. Children bap't	No. Adults bapt'd	No. Churches	Probable Value	No. Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for building& improving Church es and Parsonages	Paid on old Indebt edness Ch'ch Pro'p	Present Indebted's Church Property	Sexton, light, fuel	Current Expenses
1	Baxter Springs		90		3		3	1	$ 800		$	$	$	$		$100
2	Bethel															
3	Beulah	9	98	1	3			1	2,500	1	1,000	60				95
4	Blue Mound	100	160	1			6	2	3,000	1	500	1,395	75	427 00		33
5	Cherokee	16	150	4		8	10	1	3,000	1	700	25		60		115
6	Columbus	150	278		3	1	38	1	3,000	1	2,200			600		175
7	Crestline & Weir City	36	165	1	1		3	4	5,100	1	500	378	1136	501		90
8	Erie	86	249	4	2	3	8	3	3,700			400	50	50		100
9	Fort Scott	23	250	4	2	6	3	1	10,000	1	2,000		700			425
10	Fort Scott Circuit	12	129	1	1	1	21	2	2,600			1,000	150	350		50
11	Fulton	5	130	1	5	2	18	4	6,000	1	600	2,553				75
12	Galena															
13	Galesburg	25	160	3	2	1	2	2	2,750	1	540	1,540		100		70
14	Girard	3	180			3	13	1	4,500	1	1,500	270		200		245
15	Girard Circuit	51	169	1	1	6	15	4	5,700	1	700	2,300		2700		
16	Monmouth & M'Cune	8	186	1	2	3	8	3	4,000	1	4 0	1,600	400	200		60
17	Mound City	103	145	3		3		3	3,100	1	1,000					110
18	Mulberry Grove	7	100				1	3	3,400	1	800	402	65	105		50
19	Osage Mission	9	68		1		2	1	2,000	1	550	400		100		75
20	Parsons	36	239		3	9	8	1	10,000			384	890			218
21	Pittsburg & Opolis	35	110	2	4	1	8	2	4,000			350	320			120
22	Pleasant'n & Prescot	36	190	1	3	13	15	2	3,700	1	800	44	50	185		112
23	Redfield	16	110	2			9	2	2,800	1	400	30				25
24	Walnut	140	202	1	13		1	3	4,500	1	600	55	350	640		
25	Xenia	15	87		2	2	1	1	800	1	300			11		
26	Grant Center	5	43					1	1,200							
	Total	926	3688	31	51	62	193	49	92,150	18	15,090	14,186	4,186	6229 00		2343

INDEPENDENCE.

1	Caney	43	109		2			1	$ 1,300	1	$ 400	$ 950	$ 36	$150 00		$150
2	Cecil	12	72		1	6	16	2	2,800			1,200	350	950		50
3	Cedarvale	20	126	1	2	4	6	1	1,700	1	800	610	100	100		
3	Chanute	72	164	1	1	7		1	3,000	1	1,200		30	100		130
5	Cheryvale	48	153	1	3	4	19	1	3,500	1	1,200	300		400		120
6	Cherryvale Circuit	42	94	3	1	3	2									
7	Chetopa	20	132	1	3	3	11	1	5,000	1	800	90				125
8	Chetopa Circuit		127	4		9	3	2	800							25
9	Coffeyville	49	88	1		3	24	1	2,500	1	1,500	800				100
10	Edna				2			1	1,000	1	1,000					40
11	Elk City	61	34	1		5	40			1	500	61	30	12		50
12	Grenola	11	80	1		7		2	3,000	1	500	625	100	250		26
13	Hallowell	1	144	1	1	3	4	2	2,350	1	75	215	120	1150		12
14	Howard	2	87	1	3	2	3	1	2,500	1	700	20	124	312		120
15	Howard Circuit	20	113	1	4	5	17	1	1,000							
16	Independence 1st	65	175	1	1	6	1	1	11,000	1	700	291		550		250
17	Independence 2d	1	38	3				1	500							
18	Independence Ch't		115	1	1		1									
19	Labette	5	127	2	1			2	1,200	1	350	20				10
20	Liberty	24	112	2		6		1	[2000]	1	[550]		150			
21	Longton		61	1	1	2	1	2	1,800	1	400	246	20	50		20
22	Moline	12	105	3	1		10	2	4,400	1	900	1,090	22	830		75
23	Mound Valley	76	182	1	1	2	1	3	5,600	1	600	2,100	25	50		100
24	Neodesha	16	248	4	1	6	11	2	6,000	1	1,000	100	112	200		175
25	Oswego	42	160		2	3	11	1	2,500	1	1,200					110
26	Peru	42	75	1	1			1	700			500		200		
27	Sedan	22	100	1				1	2,000			11	250	250		50
28	Thayer	14	175	1		4	30	1	2,000	1	500					50
	Total	720	3196	38	33	90	211	35	70,150	20	15,075	9,229	1,469	5454,00		1788

FORT SCOTT DISTRICT.

	S. Sch's.			Benevolent Collections.														Min'l S'p		Other Collections
				FOR MISSIONS.																
	No. Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars of all ages	From Churches	From S. Schools	Total	Board of Church Extension	For S. S. Union	For Tract Society	For Freedmen's Aid Society	For Education	For American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops	Conference Claimants		
1	2	12	70	$ 3 00	$	$ 3 00	$ 2	$2	$1	$ 2	$ 2	$	$		$ 335	$		$
2																		
3	1	15	125	9 00	6 00	25 00	2			2	4				662	8		
4	2	17	140	20 00	5 00	25 00		2	1		8				495			
5	1	24	200	15 00	10 00	25 00	10	2	1	10	10		5600		740	8		
6	1	18	165	31 00	21 00	52 00	20	3	2	20	23				1337	10		
7	4	43	250	12 00		12 00									514			
8	3	42	269	15 00	12 00	27 00	8	1	1	8	7	1 63	200	1	769	8		
9	1	19	225	116 00	34 00	150 00	90	3	2	60	35	5 00		2	1667	15	3	50
10	1	11	100	20 00		20 00	4	1		3	4		1400		433	5		
11	3	33	160	17 00		17 00	4	1	1	2	2	1 00			603	5		
12																		
13	5	45	240	15 00	5 00	20 00	7	1	2	8	8				551	7		
14	1	20	150	18 00	12 00	30 00	6	3	2	5	10		53 00		1015	9		11
15	2	10	125	15 00		15 00	5								562	5		
16	2	26	190	30 00		30 00	10	2	2	10	9				662	8		
17	3	22	180	23 00		23 00	4			3	6				663	6		75
18	2	10	120	20 00	5 00	25 00	5			3	3				713	6		
19	1	15	100	10 00	5 00	15 00	4	1	1	3	3				494	3		
20	1	23	306	2 00	44 00	46 00	12	2	3	12	21		38 00		1086	12		
21	2	14	180	15 00	10 00	25 00	4	1		2	2				800	1		
22	2	20	160	15 00	5 00	20 00	5	1	1	4	17				732	7		25
23	2	20	75	9 00	1 00	10 00	5	1	1	2	3	1 50			559	2		
24	3	25	160	21 00	2 00	23 00	10	1	2	10	46		30 00		558	8		
25	1	8	45	16 00		16 00	4	1	1	4	4				402	3		
26	2	12	75	9 00		9 00									150	5		
	47	504	3810	$486 00	177 00	663 00	$221	29 00	24 00	$173	$227	9 13	193 00	$ 3	16,502	$141	4	61

INDEPENDENCE.

1	2	21	165	$ 9 00	$ 5 00	$ 14 00	$ 7	$2 00	$1 00	$ 7	$ 6	$	$ 7 00	$	$ 653	$ 5	$	50		
2	1	12	50	3 00	3 00	6 00		1	1	3	2				395	2				
3	1	17	125	32 00	2 00	34 00	1	1	1	1	24				540	4				
4	1	25	314	34 00	16 00	50 00	19	2	1	20	11	5 00	5		932	11				
5	1	22	180	13 00	13 00	26 00	10	4	2	8	9		7		903	9	2	30		
6	1	15	74	20 00		20 00	5	2	1	5	5				266	4				
7	1	19	130	16 0	17 00	33 00	17	2	1	17	22	3	60		1000	11	1	08		
8	2	8	60					1		1	1		1		222	1				
9	1	16	164	13 00	5 00	18 00	10	2	1	7	22	1			891	6				
10	4	24	140	23 00	2 00	25 00	2	1	1	2	5					3				
11				5 00		5 00	1	1	1	1	2				272	1				
12	1	11	84	6 00	5 00	11 00	2	1	1	2	4				775	5		23		
13	1	11	102	16 00		16 00	5	1		2	7				447	5				
14	1	14	115	10 00	5 00	15 00	8	1		3	3				971	4				
15	2	12	75	17 00	1 00	18 00	5	1	1	5	5		1		300	4				
16	1	22	200	20 00	30 00	50 00	15	2	2	15	22	1	68		1092	15				
17	[1	[4	50]	2 00		2 00	1			1	8					1				
18	1	5	40	2 00	10 00	12 00	3	1	1	3	14				401	1				
19	2	19	90	6 00		6 00									297	3				
20	3	18	120	18 00		18 00	1			2					679	7				
21	2	18	39	4 00		4 00		1	1		1				373					
22	2	25	160	8 00		8 00	3	1	1	3	3				712	4		18		
23	4	40	300	15 00	7 00	22 00	11	1		2	8		15		762	8				
24	2	26	270	5 00	10 00	15 00	7	1	1	5	16	1	7		985	10				
25	1	20	210	38 00	29 00	67 00	10	1	1	7	25	6	9	5	1074	10				
26				10 00		10 00	5	1	1	5	3				193	3				
27	2	19	165	12 00		12 00	2	1	1	4	3				459	6				
28	4	30	200	11 00		11 00	5	1	1	5	6				559	5				
	45	473	3622	368 00	160 00	528 00	$156	34 00	23 00	$136	$237	1700	$180 00	$ 5	16 153	$154	6	67		

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	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Membership				Bp't.		Church Property.								
		No. Probationers.	No. Full Members.	No. Local Preacher	No. Deaths	No. Children bap't	No. Adults bapt'd	No. Churches	Probable Value	No. Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for building& improving Church es and Parsonages	Paid on old Indebt edness Ch'ch Pro'p	Present Indebted's Church Property.	Sexton, light, fuel,	Current Expenses.
1	Altoona	5	132	3	2	10	10	3	$ 4,000	1	$ 400	$ 20	$	$ 00		$ 10
2	Americus	27	173	1	2		14	3	5,000	1	1,100	711		600		55
3	Burlington	8	225	1			1	1	3,000	1	1,200	115	25			125
4	Cedar Point	6	62		2		3			1	300	300				40
5	Cottonwood Falls	3	57	2	2			1	3,500	1	1,000	450	20	230		65
6	Coyville	26	108	2	3		4	2	2,200	1	500	1,725				
7	Dunlap	14	88	3			13	1	2,033			1,049	709	275		
8	Emporia 1st. Church	17	369	2	5	8	16	1	25,000	1	1,200	1,590	960	7000		720
9	Emporia West Street	11	47	1			4	1	300			25	75	100		60
10	Eureka	6	118	1	1	3		1	5,500				165	200		98
11	Fredonia	8	138	3	1	4		1	1,500	1	800		20	2 0		52
12	Hartford	57	150	3	1	1	2	1	3,000	1	1,500					75
13	Madison	23	128	2	2	1	17	1	2,000				23	200		60
14	Matfield Green	11	61		1					1	300		25			25
15	Melvern	20	159	1	1	6	5	2	5,000	1	700	50	600	50		100
16	New Albany	7	138	3	1		3	1	500	1	400	105		90		25
17	North Dunlap		30	1				1	500			4	6	60		9
18	Ottumwa	12	102	2		3	3									20
19	Reading	48	66	1	1	2	2	1	3,320	1	600	260		540		88
20	Safford	10	90			2	6			1	500	5	45			
21	Severy & Climax	10	150	3	1	3	10	2	3,000	1	400	1,000				
22	Strawn	11	107			1	8	2	2,200	1	1,000	1,200	12	100		10
23	Toronto		98	2	1	2	1	1	1,500			94	48			29
24	Virgil	6	109	3	1	2	8	2	2,100	1	700	76	206	58		50
25	Waverly	4	171	1	2	2	5	2	3.000	1	700	116		75		
	Total	350	3075	41	30	50	135	31	78,153	18	13,700	8,879	2,939	8948	00	1421

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1	Buffalo								$		$		$	$		$
2	Colony	15	138	2	2	6	16	3	3,900	1	600	1,350		30	00	140
3	Fontana	16	189	2	2	4	20	3	3,100	1	400	10	110	208		60
4	Garnett	63	244	2	2			1	4,000	1	1,000	50				250
5	Greeley	20	209	1	3	2	1	4	6,500	1	1,000	300	500	1500		
6	Humboldt	33	145				1	3	10,000	1	600	355	200	229		100
7	Iola	65	150	3	1	16		1	3,100	1	750	90	56			120
8	LaCygne	50	125					2	1,400	1	700	1,200				
9	Lane	7	102	2	2		15	2	3,500			100	80	250		
10	LeRoy	17	148	2	2		5	2	3,175	1	760	125				75
11	Louisburg	7	201	1	4	2	4	1	2,000	1	1,000	150				50
12	Moran	41	141	3	1	1	9	1	1,275	1	450	800		550		5
13	Mount Ida	28	124	1		8	2	2	2,400	1	600	550	80			50
14	Neosha Falls	18	167	2	1	7	9	4	4,000	1	950	290	75	175		80
15	Osawatomie	18	86	3	4		4	2	3,300	1	565	340	40	200		60
16	Ottawa	46	433	7	2	7	33	1	25,000	1	1,500		7000	1000		500
17	Ottawa Circuit	15	97	1	1		1	3	5,500			4,000		8		75
18	Paola	14	164		1	3	15	1	9,000	1	800	200		500		225
19	Princeton	10	160	1	1	5	7	4	5,800	1	800	400	70	100		200
20	Welda	11	81	1	1		1	1	1,000	1	400	1,100				
21	Williamsburg	32	168	2	2	7	9	2	6,000	1	1,500	32	30			135
22	Yates Center	20	114	1	2		18	1	2,000	1	700	95				110
	Total	546	3486	37	34	68	170	44	10,950	19	15,075	11,587	8,241	4750,00		2235

Recapitulation by Districts.

Fort Scott	926	3,688	31	51	62	193	49	92,150	18	15,090	14,186	4,186	6,229	2,343
Independence	720	3,196	38	33	90	211	35	70,150	20	15,075	9,229	1,469	5,454	1,788
Emporia	350	3,075	41	30	50	135	31	78,153	18	13,700	8,879	2,938	8,948	1,421
Ottawa	546	3,486	37	34	68	170	44	105950	19	15,075	11,587	8,241	4,750	2,235
Total	2542	13445	147	148	270	709	159	346403	75	58,940	43,881	16,834	25,381	7,787
Report'd lastyear	3392	12293	139	118	174	498	134	305886	70	51,490	56,357	7,666	20,352	
Increase		1152	8	30	96	211	25	40517	5	7,450		9,168	5,029	
Decrease	850										12,476			

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	S. Sch's.			Benevolent Collections.													Min'l S'p		
				FOR MISSIONS.															
	No. Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars of all ages	From Churches	From S. Schools	Total	Board of Church Extension	For S. S. Union	For Tract Society	For Freedmen's Aid Society	For Education	For American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops	Conference Claimants	Other Collections
				$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$		$	$	$
1	2	17	130		10 00	10 00	3	1	1	3	17	2 00			700	3	
2	2	20	130	17 00	3 00	20 00	7	2	1	10	8	2 00			670	8	20
3	1	13	121	40 00		40 00	10	2	2	12	10	2 00	20 00		1272	15	
4	1	10	55	13 00	2 00	15 00	6	1	1	6	5				491	6	
5	1	13	100	20 00		20 00									749	4	
6	3	30	120	3 00	2 00	5 00	4		1	2	1	1 00			548	2	
7	2	16	90												369	5	
8	1	25	189	40 00	20 00	60 00	30	4	2	30	44	1500	54 00	1	2431	24	12
9	1	8	80												150		
10	2	33	189	11 00	10 00	21 00	8	1		4	7				886	8	125
11	2	15	181	20 00	5 00	25 00	2	1	1	2	9				546	10	25
12	1	17	150	40 00	2 00	42 00	13	3	2	13	10	2 00	11 00		584	10	10
13	2	16	80	81 00	7 00	88 00	5	2	2	5	14				594	11	
14				4 00		4 00	1			1	1				347	1	
15	3	28	230	25 00	5 00	30 00	15	2	2	16	12	5 00	5 00	1	826	12	3
16				5 00		5 00	5	1	1	2	10				375	3	25
17	1	5	20												75		
18	2	14	140	8 00		8 00	3	1	1	2	2	1 00	1 00	1	286	2	
19	1	10	75	15 00	1 00	16 00	7	2	1	8	11	3 00	16 00		503	6	5
20	3	29	120	6 00	6 00	12 00	5	2	1	5	6	3 00	9 00		522	4	30
21		7	65	22 00	3 00	25 00	5	1	1	4	2				536	7	
22	2	22	121	5 00	10 00	15 00	10	1	1	8	9	1 00	1 00	1	761	6	3
23	2	16	95	10 00	16 00	26 00	6	1	1	6	6				395	6	
24	2	21	150	20 00	10 00	30 00	10	2	1	10	13				693	8	
25	3	50	200	19 00	6 00	25 00	12	1	1	7	10	4 00			873	10	
	40	435	2831	$424 00	117 00	542 00	$167	31 00	24 00	$155	$207	3900	117 00	$ 4	16,222	$171	258

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1				$	$	$	$	$ 00	$ 00	$	$	$	$ 00	$	$	$	$
2	3	33	152	10 00	4 00	14 00	5	1	1	5	11	3	29		713	3	
3	4	25	240	23 00	4 00	27 00	14	2	1	13	11				779	11	
4	1	30	250	48 00	15 00	63 00	18	3	2	18	14		73		1061	15	200
5	3	20	125	22 00	5 00	27 00	4	2	1	2	12	2			718	12	
6	2	16	130	6 00	4 00	10 00	5	1		4	5		2	1	820	6	
7	1	17	141	6 0	15 00	21 00	6	1	1	3	6		17		978	4	6
8	3	38	250	15 00		15 00	8	1	1	4	4				601	5	
9	2	18	100	5 00		5 00				1	1		23		437		
10	2	22	215	18 00	5 00	23 00	11	2	1	5	10	2	12		700	9	
11	1	13	120	30 00	4 00	34 00	17	2	3	17	14		80		793	13	255
12	2	16	100	5 00	5 00	10 00	2	2	1	3	1		2		604	3	11
13	4	28	160	15 00		15 00	2	1	1		1				756	5	
14	3	25	200	13 00	2 00	15 00	5	1	1	3	4	5	1		810	7	
15	2	15	140	13 00	2 00	15 00	7	1	1	7	7	1	10	1	627	8	17
16	1	42	475		56 00	56 00	27	5	4	27	23	21	44		1690	22	
17	4	30	200	6 00	6 00	12 00	5	1	1	3	3				480	4	
18	1	17	160	23 00		23 00	11	2	1	11	9	2			1089	9	200
19	4	30	160	18 00	7 00	25 00	8	1	1	8	8		38		706	10	10
20	1	8	70	3 00		3 00	2	1	1		1				419		
21	3	35	235	49 00	57 00	106 00	12	3	2	12	25	3	50	5	738	15	
22	1	26	150	20 00	3 00	23 00	8	2	1	7	6	5			784	6	55
	48	504	3773	347 00	195 00	542 00	$179	35 00	26 00	$153	$176	146	$381 00	$ 7	16,312	$166	754

Recapitulation by District.

47	504	3,810	$486 00	177 00	$663 00	221	$29	24 00	173	228 00	$ 9	193 00	$3 00		$ 16,502	141	$461
45	473	3,622	368 00	160 00	528 00	156	34	23 00	136	237 00	17	180 00	5 0		16,153	154	467
40	435	2,831	424 00	118 00	542 00	167	31	24 00	156	207 00	39	117 00	4 00		16,222	171	258
48	504	3,773	347 00	195 00	542 00	179	35	26 0	153	176 00	44	381 00	7 00		16,312	166	754
189	1916	14,036	1625 00	650 00	2274 00	720	129	97 00	618	848 00	109	871 00	19 00		65,189	632	1940
168	1710	12,602	170 00	588 00	2288 00	806	111	95 00	620	662 00	144	757 00			57,983	590	
12	206	434		62 00			18	2 00		186 00		114 00			7,206	42	
			75 00		14 00	86			2		35						

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FORT SCOTT DISTRICT.

	NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR	Pastors.			P. Ed'd		Bsh's		C. Cls	
			Value of Parsonage	Claims, including Rent, or Rental	Receipts, including value of Parsonage	Deficiencies	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid
1	Baxter Springs	James A. Lahey	$ 600	$ 600	$	$ 50	$ 50	$ 6	$	$ 7	$	
2	Bethel											
3	Beulah	S. Snyder	600	600		55	55	7	7	8	8	
4	Blue Mound	W. B. Poinsett	770	740	30	50	50	8	3			
5	Cherokee	J. W. Walker	700	700		50	50	7	7	8	8	
6	Columbus	A. G. Robb	1,225	1,225		100	100	10	12	10	10	
7	Crestline & Weir City	Jno. H. Strain	460	460		50	50	6	4	7		
8	Erie	J. M. Powell	700	684	16	60	60	9	9	8	8	
9	Fort Scott	H. V. Givler	1,500	1,500		150	150	17	17	12	15	
10	Fort Scott Circuit	W. E. Means	500	400	100	35	28	6	5	6	5	
11	Fulton	V. Staley	550	550		50	50	7	3	8	5	
12	Galena											
13	Galesburg	S. F. Stevens	570	500	70	50	50	6	6	7	7	
14	Girard	J. A. Ferguson	950	950		55	55	8	8	9	9	
15	Girard Circuit	W. A. Howard	600	600		55	55	7	7	8	5	
16	Monmouth & M'Cune	James M. Payne	600	600		55	55	7	7	8	8	
17	Mound City	Thomas Stephenson	700	700		55	55	8	8	9	6	
18	Mulberry Grove	S. P. Cullison	750	700	50	55	55	8	8	8	6	
19	Osage Mission	J. M. Baugher	600	550	50	40	40	4	4	4	3	
20	Parsons	H. W. Chaffee	1,000	1,000		75	75	11	12	12	12	
21	Pittsburg & Opolis	J. W. Stewart	750	750		50	50	7	1	8	1	
22	Pleasanton & Prescot	W. T. White	700	670	30	55	55	9	7	9	7	
23	Redfield	S. J. Heaton	525	525		40	35		2		2	
24	Walnut	M. E. Goddard	575	575		50	50	8	8	8	8	
25	Xenia	J. E. Whitehead	436	386	50	45	39	6	3	6	3	
26	Grant Center	I. B. Cartlich		150		12	14				5	
	Total		16,361	16,115	$396	1342	1326	172	148	170	142	

INDEPENDENCE DISTRICT.

1	Caney	R. M. Cullison	$ 600	$ 600	$	$ 50	$ 50	$ 3	$ 3	$ 5	$ 5	
2	Cecil	H. R. Vollmar	500	366	140	34	34	3	1	4	2	
3	Cedarvale	W. T. York	600	495	105	42	42	3	3	4	4	
4	Chanute	J. F. Rhoades	850	858		66	66	10	10	11	11	
5	Cherryvale	C. T. Durboraw	850	850		46	46	7	7	9	9	
6	Cherryvale Circuit	C. A. Snelling	300	230	70	36	34	3	3	4	4	
7	Chetopa	W. W. Curnutt	950	926	24	64	64	10	10	11	11	
8	Chetopa Circuit	A. Riley & T. Allen	200	200		24	21	1	1	1	1	
9	Coffeyville	D. T. Summerville	800	840		45	45	6	6	7	6	
10	Edna	S. Hedges	700	654	46	56	52	7	6		3	
11	Elk City	T. J. Sparkman		243		30	27	2	2		1	
12	Grenola	A. S. Freed	725	625	100	44	44	6	6	7	5	
13	Longton	H. Carlyon	448	348	100	36	24	2	2			
14	Hallowell	P. H. Fisk	450	408	42	40	38	4	2	5	5	
15	Howard	J. A. Barker	971	971		48	48	6	3	7	4	
16	Howard Circuit	Wm. Simons	300	260	40	36	36	3	3	4	4	
17	Independence	J. B. Ford	1150	1150		80	80	14	12	15	15	
18	Independence 2d	Marion Bell	365	200		24	20	1	1	1	1	
19	Independence Cir't	A. C. Bennett	460	355	105	48	41	5	5	6	6	
20	Labette	John Williams	385	250	135	48	48	6		7	3	
21	Liberty	W. H. McVey	650	624	26	50	50	6	6	7	7	
22	Moline	E. A. Graham	750	670	80	50	42	6	4	7	4	
23	Mound Valley	C. E. Creager	700	700		55	55	7	7	8	8	
24	Neodesha	J. A. Hyden	920	920		60	60	4	5	10	10	
25	Oswego	H. McBirney	1000	1000		66	66	14	8	15	11	
26	Peru	R. M. Ramsburg	225	159	66	32	32	2	2	3	3	
27	Sedan	O. Bruner	600	420	180	50	38	5	1	6	6	
28	Thayer	J. S. Budd	511	456	55	44	36	4	4	5	5	
	Total		17,060	15,772	1314	1304	1239	150	123	169	154	

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EMPORIA DISTRICT.

	NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR	Pastors. Claims, including Rent, or Rental value of Parson'ge	Pastors. Receipts, incl'ding Rent, or Rental value of Parson'ge	Pastors. Deficiencies	P. Ed'd Apportioned	P. Ed'd Paid	Bsh's Apportioned	Bsh's Paid	C. Cls Apportioned	C. Cls Paid
1	Altoona	Guy Hamilton	$ 760	$ 700	$ 60	$ 62	$	$	$ 2	$	$ 3
2	Americus	D. S. Baldwin	716	599	117	68	64	6	7	8	8
3	Burlington	S. S. Murphy	1150	1150		110	110	12	12	15	15
4	Cedar Point	H. A. Cook	450	438	12	50	48	5	5	6	6
5	Cottonwood Falls	N. B. Johnson	794	744	50	52	52	8	4	10	4
6	Coyville	T. R. Kennedy	575	500	75	60	48	6	1	5	2
7	Dunlap	T. W. Royal	380	330	50	36	36	3	3	4	5
8	Emporia 1st. Church	W. C. Snodgrass	2,240	2,240		168	168	23	23	24	24
9	Emporia West Street	H. Moys	150	150							
10	Eureka	C. R. Rice	800	800		80	80	6	6	8	8
11	Fredonia	J. F. Palmer	770	610	160	62	52	8	5	6	10
12	Hartford	I. R. Lovejoy	600	510	90	66	66	8	8	10	10
13	Madison	Jno. H. Price	525	525		62	62	7	7	10	10
14	Matfield Green	G. W. Stafford	308	308		36	36	3	3		1
15	Melvern	Thos. Lidzy	750	750		66	66	10	10	12	12
16	New Albany	J. W. D. Anderson	500	375	125	58	48	5	2	6	3
17	North Dunlap	G. Dorch	75	50	25	25	25	2	1	2	
18	Ottumwa	Sidney Smith	400	250	150	30	32	3	2	4	2
19	Reading	A. L. Scott	500	457	43	41	41	5	5	6	6
20	Safford	J. McAnulty	560	471	88	49	47	3	3	4	4
21	Severy & Climax	J. W. Fox	625	575	50	61		8	2	10	7
22	Strawn	G. W. White	800	700	100	56	56	5	5	6	6
23	Toronto	G. B. Norton	400	340	60	50	50	5	5	6	6
24	Virgil	D. F. Holtz	700	654	46	53	53	6	6	8	8
25	Waverly	J. L. Longdon	800	800		67	67	6	6	10	10
	Total		16,228	15,026	1381	1468	1307	165	133	170	171

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1	Buffalo	W. H. Stamp	$ 640	$ 660	$	$ 55	$ 55	$ 7	$ 1	$ 7	$ 3
2	Colony	W. H. Carwardine	640	660		55	55	7	3	7	3
3	Fontana	F. P. Blakemore	700	700		70	70	9	5	10	10
4	Garnett	H. J. Coker	950	950		100	100	11	11	13	13
5	Greeley	James Hunter	725	630	95	95	80	10	5	12	12
6	Humboldt	R. T. Harkness	850	750	100	64	64	5	5	6	6
7	Iola	R. M. Scott	850	909		70	70	8	8	8	4
8	LaCygne	Sprague Davis	634	634		54	45	6	6	6	5
9	Lane	V. H. Biddison	505	387	118	50	50		1		
10	LeRoy	M. V. Robbins	700	632	68	60	60	8	8	9	9
11	Louisburg	James Murray	700	700		80	80	13	13	13	13
12	Moran	C. W. Swartz	640	560	80	50	41	6	2	7	3
13	Mount Ida	J. B. Gibson	670	620	50	54	47	6	6	8	5
14	Neosha Falls	A. Maxey	800	750	50	60	55	7	5	9	7
15	Osawatomie	Wm. Shambaugh	622	572	50	50	50	5	5	6	8
16	Ottawa	H. A. Tucker	1550	1550	100	140	140	18	19	22	22
17	Ottawa Circuit	W. Emerson	500	440	60	36	36	4	4	5	4
18	Paola	C. W. Gullett	1000	1000		90	90	7	8	9	9
19	Princeton	S. S. Weatherby	700	650	50	60	50	8	6	10	10
20	Welda	J. M. Cramer	400	375	25	40	40	4	4	4	
21	Williamsburg	C. R. Pattee	900	813	87	75	68	7	7	9	15
22	Yates Center	J. C. Hull	720	725		54	54	5	5	6	6
	Total		16,396	15,663	933	1462	1390	154	137	179	164

Recapitulation by Districts.

Fort Scott	16,361	16,115	396	1342	1326	172	158	170	142
Independence	17,060	15,572	1314	1304	1219	150	123	169	154
Emporia	16,228	15,026	1381	1468	1307	165	133	170	171
Ottawa	16,396	15,663	933	1462	1390	154	137	179	164
Total	66,045	62,376	4024	5576	5242	641	551	688	631
Reported last year	55,991	53,114	2866	4939	4827	833	646	653	590
Increase	10,054	9,262	1158	637	415			35	41
Decrease						192	95		

SESSIONS OF THE

SOUTH KANSAS CONFERENCE.

No.	DATE.	WHERE HELD.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
1	March 11, 1874.	Fort Scott	Bishop E. G. Andrews.	S. Holman.
2	March 3, 1875.	Independence	" S. M. Merrill.	S. Holman.
3	March 1, 1876.	Emporia	" J. T. Peck	A. Sleeth.
4	March 7, 1877.	Wichita	" M. Simpson	H. J. Walker.
5	March 6, 1878.	Garnett	" T. Bowman	H. J. Walker.
6	March 5, 1879.	Hutchinson	" I. W. Wiley	H. J. Walker.
7	March 3, 1880.	Ottawa	" R. S Foster	H. W. Chaffee.
8	March 2, 1881.	Wellington	" J. F. Hurst	H. W. Chaffee.
9	March 1, 1882.	Burlington	" H. W. Warren	H. W. Chaffee.
10	March 1, 1883.	Oswego	" W. L. Harris	H. W. Chaffee.
11	March 5, 1884.	Paola	" S. M. Merrill	H. W. Chaffee.
12	March 12, 1885.	Independence	" W. X. Ninde.	H. W. Chaffee.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

H. W. CHAFFEE, Secretary,

In account with SOUTH KANSAS CONFERENCE.

	Dr.	Cr.
To balance from last year	$ 2.44	
Received from sale of Appointment slips	2.51	
Received from advertisements	66.00	
Received from sale of Minutes	136.94	
Received from donations	7.00	
Received from collection at Conference, March 13th, 1885	12.69	
	$227.58	
By paid for printing, postage and sundry expenses		$ 23.34
Bill of W. T. & C. Yoe, printing, express and mailing 1,500 copies of Minutes		198.91
Charter		1.00
Interest on borrowed money		1.45
Balance to new account		2.88
		$227.58

H. W. CHAFFEE, Secretary.

Independence, Kansas, March 13th, 1885.

ROLL OF HONORED DEAD

OF THE SOUTH KANSAS CONFERENCE.

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Name.	Place of death.	Date of death.	Conference relation.	Age.	Years effective.
J. W. Stogdill,	Wichita, Kansas,	Oct. 13, 1873.	Effective.	—	4
Jonathan R. West,		June 15, 1874.	Sup'd.	68	20
Elisha W. Harmony,	Williamsburg, Ks.,	Jan. 21, 1875.	Effective.	33	5
Albert Lee,	Ottawa, Kansas,		On trial.	—	4
Wm. A. Dotson,	Newton, Kansas.	M'ch 10, 1879.	Effective.	45	21
David Carlyle,	Lyons, Kansas,	Sept. 26, 1879.	Effective.	30	1
Sheldon Parker,	near Elk City, Ks.,	Nov. 18, 1880.	Sup'd.	70	30
Daniel P. Mitchell,	near Newton, Kas.,	Aug. 21, 1881.	Effective.	60	36
Lewis S. Ashbaugh,	Newton, Kansas,	June 17, 1881.	Sup'd.	60	25
George H. Reed,	Kansas City, Mo.,	Oct. 16, 1882.	Effective.	59	34
Zina B. Hitchcock,	Cedarvale, Kansas,	Oct. 28, 1882.	Effective.	49	21
Harry A. Clifford,	Valley Falls, Kas.,		Sup'y.	—	4

CONFERENCE ROLL.

NOTE.—"E" stands for Elder; "D" for Deacon; "Eff" for Effective; "Sup" for Supernumerary; "Sup'd" for Superannuated.

NAME.	Order	Relation.	P. O. Address.	County.
Anderson, James W.	D	Eff	Baldwin	Douglas.
Broadhead, John	E	Sup'd	Busti	Chautauqua Co., N. Y.
Buckner, Allen	E	Eff	Baldwin	Douglas.
Baldwin, David S	E	Eff	Americus	Lyon.
Bristow, Will	E	Sup'd	Baldwin	Douglas.
Barker, Joel A	E	Eff	Howard	Elk.
Baker, Nelson A	E	Sup'd	Baldwin	Douglas.
Beall, John N	E		Baxter Springs	Cherokee.
Boaz, Edward C	E	Eff	Baldwin	Douglas.
Bell, Marion	E	Eff	Chetopa	Labette.
Bennett, Alexander C	D	Eff	Thayer	Neosho.
Biddison, Valeda H.	D	Eff		
Budd, J. S.	E	Eff	Labette.	Labette.
Bruner, O	E	Eff	Longton	Elk.
Brownson, Sidney J.	E	Eff	LaCygne	Linn.
Chaffee, Herbert W.	E	Eff	Columbus	Cherokee.
Combs, Clement	E	Sup'd	Columbus	Cherokee.
Cullison, Ananias	E	Eff	Independence	Montgomery.
Cullison, Sampson P.	E	Eff	Mulberry Grove	Crawford.
Creager, Charles E.	E	Eff	Mound Valley	Labette.
Coker, Henry J	E	Eff	Garnett.	Anderson.
Carwardine, William H.	E	Eff	Greeley	Anderson.
Curnutt, W. W	E	Eff	Chetopa	Labette.
Cook, Herman A	D	Eff	Matfield	Chase.
Durboraw, Charles T.	E	Eff	Cherryvale	Montgomery.
Davis, Sprague	E	Eff	Ottawa	Franklin.
Fox, John W	E	Eff	Liberty	Montgomery.
Freed, Alpheus S.	E	Eff	Edna	Labette.
Fisk, Pliny H.	E	Eff	Hallowell	Cherokee.
Ferguson, Joseph A	E	Eff	Paola	Miami.
Ford, J. B.	E	Eff	Independence	Montgomery.
Graham, Edward A	E	Eff	Madison	Greenwood.
Gullett, Charles W.	E	Eff	Ottawa	Franklin.
Graham, William I	E	Eff	Baldwin	Douglas.
Givler, Henry V	E	Eff	Fort Scott	Bourbon.
Gibson, J. B.	E	Eff	Girard.	Crawford.
Hanna, James T	E	Eff	Emporia.	Lyon.
Hyden, J. Albert	E	Eff	Oswego	Labette.
Harkness, Richard T	E	Eff	Humboldt	Allen.
Hunt, Thomas S.	E	Sup	LaGrace	Campbell Co. Dak.
Hamilton, Guy	E	Eff	Waverly	Coffey.
Hill, Isaac	E	Sup	Mound Valley	Labette.
Holtz, David F.	D	Eff	Virgil	Greenwood.
Hull, James C	E	Eff	Beulah	Crawford.
Hedges, Salem	E	Eff	Moline.	Elk.
Hunter, James	E	Eff	Lane.	Franklin.
Howard, William A.	D	Eff	Fontana	Miami.
Iliff, James M.	E	Eff	Fulton.	Bourbon.
Johnson, A. K.	E	Sup	Kansas City, Mo.	
Jennis, C. S.	E	Sup'd	Pittsburg	Crawford.
Johnson, N. B.	E	Eff	Cottonwood Falls	Chase.
Kennedy, Tilman R.	E	Eff	Coyville	Wilson.
Lowe, Boyd.	E	Sup'd	Thayer	Neosho.
Lidzy, Thomas	E	Eff	Fredonia	Wilson.
Longdon, John L.	E	Eff	Colony	Anderson.
Lovejoy, Irving R.	E	Eff	Girard	Crawford.
Lynch, W. O.	E	Eff		

McAnulty, John	E	Eff	Safford	Chase.
Murray, James	E	Eff	Louisburg	Miami.
McBirney, Hugh	E	Eff	Coffeyville	Montgomery.
Maxey, Abram	E	Eff	Neosho Falls	Woodson.
McVey, William H	E	Eff	Independence	Montgomery.
Means, William E.	E	Eff	Moran	Allen.
Murphy, S. S.	E	Eff	Burlington	Coffey.
Norton, George B.	D	Eff	Cedar Point	Chase.
Paulson, John	E	Sup'd	Fort Scott	Bourbon.
Pye, George W	E	Eff	Cherokee	Crawford.
Poinsett, William B.	E	Eff	Blue Mound	Linn.
Pattee, C. R.	E	Eff	Williamsburg	Franklin.
Payne, James M	E	Eff	Monmouth	Crawford.
Price, John H.	E	Eff	Erie	Neosho.
Patton, Isaac C.	E	Sup	Eldorado	Butler.
Rice, Cyrus R.	E	Eff	Eureka	Greenwood.
Reed, Henry W	E	Sup'd	Baldwin	Douglas.
Robinson, Joseph	E	Sup'd	Leroy	Coffey.
Robb, A. G.	E	Eff	Fort Scott	Bourbon.
Robbins, Martin V	E	Eff	Mount Ida	Anderson.
Ramsey, William W	E	Sup		
Rhoades, J. F	E	Eff	Chanute	Neosho.
Seiss, Josiah B.	E	Eff	Chetopa	Labette.
Scott, Robert M.	E	Eff	Iola	Allen.
Summerville, David T.	E	Eff	Neodesha	Wilson.
Stewart, John W	E	Eff	Pittsburg	Crawford.
Sparks, Reuben H	E	Eff	Garnett	Anderson.
Swartz, Charles W.	E	Sup	Moran	Allen.
Shambaugh, William	E	Eff	Osawatomie	Miami.
Stevens, Scott F.	D	Eff	Galesburg	Neosho.
Staley, Valentine	E	Eff	Altoona	Wilson.
Snyder, Sanford	E	Eff	Grand River	Indian Territory.
Stephenson Thomas	E	Eff	Mound City.	Linn.
Snodgrass, W. C.	E	Eff	Emporia	Lyon.
Stafford, G. W.	E	Eff	Melvern	Osage.
Smith, Sidney	D	Eff	Lebo	Coffey.
Sparkman, Temple C.	D	Eff	Baldwin	Douglas.
Tipton, Nelson F.	E	Sup'd	Baldwin	Douglas.
Tucker, Hibbard A.	E	Eff	Parsons	Labette.
Tyner, William H.	E	Eff	Hartford	Lyon.
Vollmar, Henry R.	D	Eff	Altamont	Labette.
Walker, Anderson B.	E	Sup'd	Palouse	Washington Ter.
White, William T.	E	Eff	Yates Center	Woodson.
Weatherby, S. S.	E	Eff	Leroy	Coffey.
White, George W.	E	Eff	Strawn	Coffey.
Walker, James W.	E	Eff	Cherokee	Crawford.
York, William T.	D	Eff	Cedarvale	Chautauqua.

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Name.	Year.	P. O. Address.	County.
Blakemore, Frank P.	2	Pleasanton	Linn.
Cullison, Robert M.	2	Caney	Montgomery.
Conrey, Abram F.	1	Fort Scott.	Bourbon.
Carlyon, Henry	1	Climax	Greenwood.
Emerson, Wesley	2	Princeton	Franklin.
Goddard, Marcellus E.	2	Walnut	Crawford.
Nicklin, Charles W.	1	Toronto	Woodson.
Robbins, Bascom.	1	Welda	Anderson.
Scott, Albert L.	2	Reading	Lyon.
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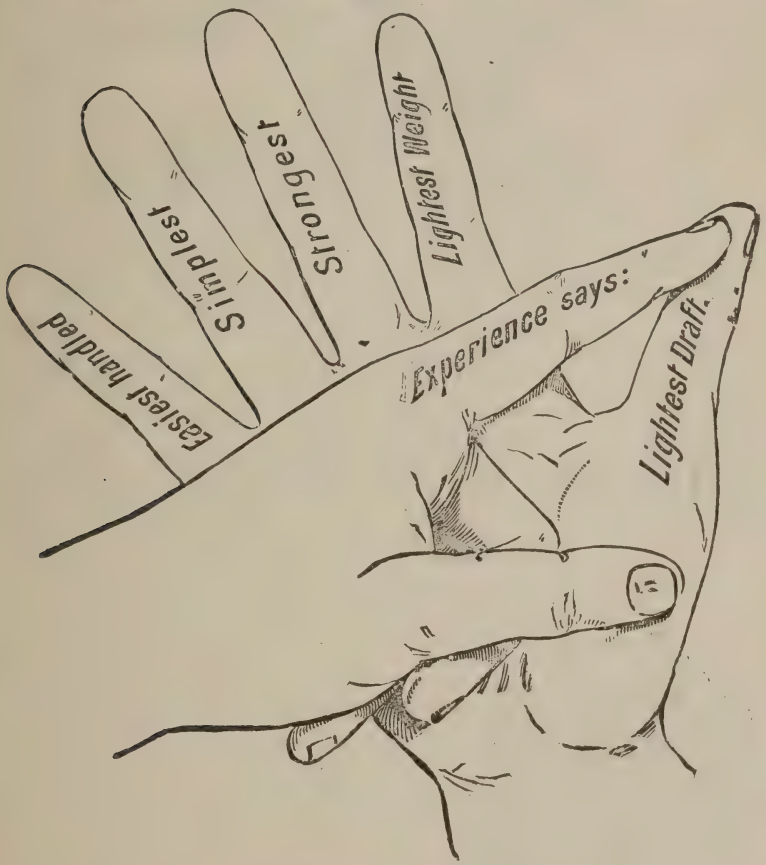

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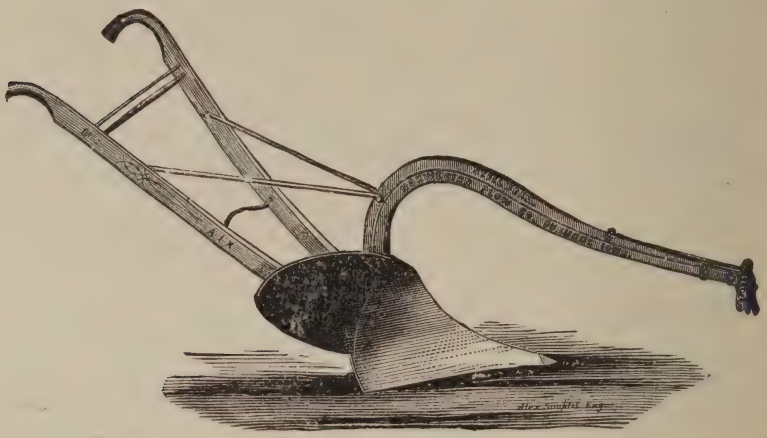

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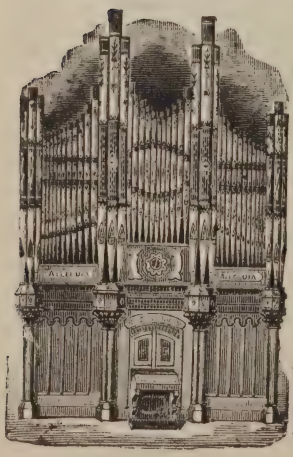

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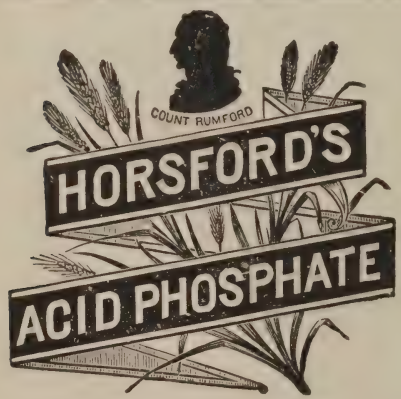

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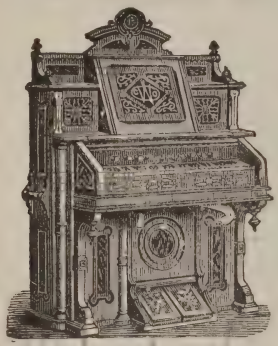

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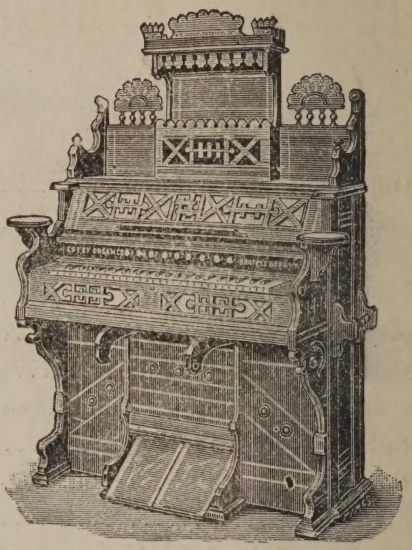

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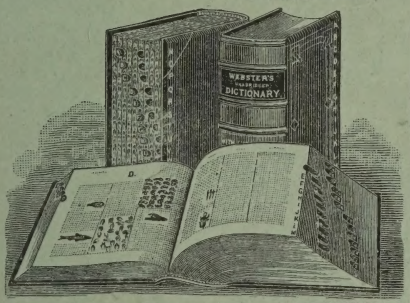

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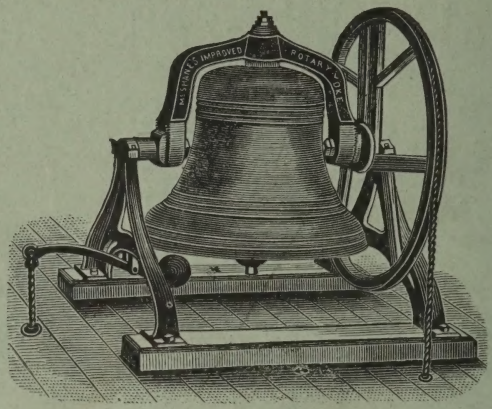

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